

# Seven Billion Dollars-- For DEATH or for LIFE?

## AN EDITORIAL

**MR. AND MRS. AVERAGE AMERICAN:** You are being put on the spot. The \$7,000,000,000—SEVEN BILLION DOLLARS—moved for by President Roosevelt under the War-Dictatorship Bill, constitutes a robbery of your pocketbook. It is a robbery pulled off in the name of "defense," for the purpose of extending the war for colonies and loot.

If it is granted, there will have been \$35,000,000,000—THIRTY-FIVE BILLION DOLLARS—all told, appropriated thus far for "defense." Look at that figure. It is a colossal one. It represents almost \$1,000 for each of the wage-earners of this country, one-third at least of whom earn no more than that amount a year.

This huge burden is being placed upon your shoulders. In Congress they are now proposing a 5 per cent wage and salary tax on every worker in the country, to be taken out of his or her pay envelope every week. This is in addition to the many onerous taxes already placed upon the working men and women.

The Sixty Families and their rich corporations are being freed from tax obligations. They have just been granted juicy exemptions by the act of the Roosevelt administration. They are permitted to mount up profits—as in World War I—hour by hour. They are given huge gifts in the form of plants. It is said that scandals have developed in the building of cantonments, and a so-called investigation is on foot. Measured by the millions raked in by the corporations, the entire "defense" set-up is one huge Tea Pot Dome.

FOR the ten years, 1930 to 1940, the corporations paid out a total in cash dividends of \$19,650,000,000, according to the February issue of "The Exchange," official publication of the New York Stock Exchange. Almost TWENTY BILLION DOLLARS was thus gleaned by the coupon-clippers, during years that a major part of America starved.

But now the Rockefeller-controlled National City Bank, in its March, 1941, Bulletin, acknowledges that the leap in profits from "defense" in the year 1940 has been comparatively even more colossal. In that year, the iron and steel corporations jumped their profits by 98 per cent over 1939, already a bonanza year, while agriculture implement corporations skyrocketed their profits by 71 per cent and machinery companies by 69 per cent. These rises in profits represent new millions of dollars flowing into the pockets of the Sixty Families and their millionaire hangers-on.

The SEVEN BILLION DOLLARS, now asked for by Roosevelt, will mount still higher the profits of these corporations. Such profits will drive up the cost of living; which the Bureau of Labor Statistics admits has boosted the price of meats by 13 to 27 per cent in the one month of February.

These SEVEN BILLION DOLLARS are to be employed to spread mass murder and destruction through the world. They are made the excuse, at the same time, for the cutting down of the social security measures which the people so sorely need.

CONTRAST the items in this Presidential request for these billions for armaments with the blitzkrieg against the people's welfare contained in the budget submitted to Congress this year. Then it will be seen what the War-Dictator measure, and the entire drive into the war, are costing the people—in battered lives, in increased ill-health, in diseased housing quarters, in malnourished children.

Here is the record, item by item, of the expenditures planned under the SEVEN BILLION DOLLARS' appropriation and of the social measures cut off from the people by the Roosevelt administration in 1941:

FOR WAR		FOR THE PEOPLE	
ORDNANCE	\$1,343,000,000	HOUSING	Killed the \$800,000,000 measure.
AIRCRAFT	2,054,000,000	HEALTH	Killed the \$300,000,000 per year bill.
TANKS	362,000,000	WPA	Sliced \$400,000,000, with 9,000,000 still unemployed.
SHIPS	629,000,000	FARM BENEFITS	Cut \$45,000,000.
MILITARY EQUIPMENT	260,000,000	PUBLIC WORKS	Cut \$87,000,000.
'DEFENSE' PRODUCTION	762,000,000	DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE	Cut \$187,000,000.
COMMODITIES FOR MILITARY USE	1,350,000,000	OLD AGE INSURANCE	— Millions of workers specifically excluded.
'DEFENSE' REPAIRS	200,000,000	OLD AGE BENEFITS	— More than 4,000,000 over 65 years denied benefits.
ADMINISTRATION	10,000,000	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	— Gross inadequacies continue; in 26 states payment only \$10 per week.

IMAGINE what these huge sums—now proposed for death and destruction—would achieve were they devoted to housing, health and betterment of the people. They would erect thousands of homes, to put a decent roof over the heads of thousands of families. They would provide for medical care for tens of thousands of Americans, who lack such today.

This is a mere part of the balance sheet of WAR ABROAD and WAR UPON THE PEOPLE AT HOME.

In order that the United States may be plunged further in the war, to engage in the killing of our sons and of the sons of other peoples, the workers and working farmers of America are to be shoved into the Slough of Despond.

For every piece of ordnance that is turned out to tear to pieces human flesh and to batter down cities, one or more American families will be denied decent housing—and there are 10,000,000 of such families in this country. For every airplane produced, ten American citizens will be deprived of medical aid, and compelled to live in the misery of chronic illness. And there are 40,000,000 of such Americans.

ON JUNE 1, 1940, Earl Browder put the matter squarely when he said "But the same gentlemen who howl about 'bankruptcy' when it is a question of investing a few dollars in houses and healthy, strong, well-fed and well-clothed men, women and children, are exactly the same men who blithely, without a moment's hesitation, vote more billions for airplanes, battleships, bombs and tanks, the only possible use for which is in a foreign war."

"Why do you say," Browder went on, addressing his remarks to the Rulers of America, "that this country and this people cannot afford to go to work producing everything this country needs. Explain this more simply to us, you rich and wise and good gentlemen in whose stewardship America with all its untold riches has been placed."

They cannot explain. They can only seek to cram down the people's throats these billions for WAR—while robbing the people of those things they sorely need.

IT IS said that these SEVEN BILLIONS are being asked for "defense." Such a contention is false. These sums are being requested for WAR—in order to fatten the profits and power of the Sixty Families which exploit the mass of the American people. It is being put forward in order to extend the colonial power of the American Empire, ruled by the Morgans, Rockefellers and Mellons.

The workers are fighting today for some increase in wages to enable them to maintain decent living standards. At every turn, the monopolists' agents cry out that such moves by the workers injure "defense." This is a specious plea, when the very "defense" machinery itself is specifically designed to break down the workers' conditions and to throw them into a worsened lot.

No more need be said. This is a question of LIFE—a better life for the American masses, through the defeat of the SEVEN BILLION PROPOSAL—or DEATH—for our sons and in the worsening of conditions, which will come from the passage of this measure.

You have a duty to help decide this issue. Tell your Congressmen and Senators to vote for LIFE, for the defeat of this first evil fruit of the War-Dictator measure.

As April 6 approaches—the anniversary of the Wilsonian declaration of war in 1917—you can also help to give strength to the People's Peace Meeting of April 5 and 6, which will raise higher and louder the battle-cry of "Peace!"

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## Both Sides Boast of the Savagery of Air Raids

British Blast Away at  
Hamburg While Nazis  
Pound Glasgow

LONDON, March 14 (UP).—British bombers struck their hardest blow of the war on Germany's great port and second largest city of Hamburg last night, leaving great areas in flaming ruins exceeding even the damage wrought 24 hours earlier, the Air Ministry announced.

Bremen also was attacked again and simultaneous raids were carried out on Emden, airfields and oil plants in Holland and German ships off the Frisian Islands.

The Air Ministry was able to announce, as it had done only yesterday, that the combined raids comprised the "greatest air attack of the war" for the Royal Air Force.

The Air Ministry said the heaviest part of the attack of Hamburg was concentrated between 10:30 P. M. and 1:30 A. M., although the last bombers did not leave their targets until after 4 A. M.

### REPORT GREAT FIRES

RAP pilots returning from Germany reported great fires raging in the Hamburg area and along the shores of the River Elbe near its mouth. In Hamburg itself shipyards, dock yards, wharves and warehouses were turned into flaming infernos.

It was the third bombing of Hamburg—the most battered city in Germany. Information from neutral embassies in Berlin has indicated that its great docks and shipyards have been in ruins and that the morale of the population has been shaken badly.

### BRITISH DOWN 11 NAZI PLANES

LONDON, March 14 (UP).—Britain's new night fighter planes set a new record by shooting down 11 German bombers during the night's furious Luftwaffe attack on Glasgow, Liverpool and other British coastal points, the Air Ministry revealed today.

Hundreds of German planes struck mercilessly at shipping facilities last night, attempting to reinforce the Nazi submarine campaign aimed at cutting Britain's vital sea communications.

In addition to the 11 enemy bombers destroyed by night fighters, two others were destroyed by other means for a total of 13—a new high for one night—and increasing to 32 the number shot down in four nights.

The German raiders pounded harbor and dock facilities, ship-building yards and industrial plants in one of the heaviest raids in months, aided by bright moonlight. It was the first big night attack.

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## Churchill to Send Mission To Get Ships

Sir Salter Coming to  
Collect Under  
Lend-Lease Bill

LONDON, March 14 (UP).—Prime Minister Winston Churchill appealed to the United States today to give the Lend-Lease program its first great test by rushing "urgent" aid to Britain's hard-hit merchant marine.

He announced that Sir Arthur Salter, Parliamentary Undersecretary of the shipping ministry and of Britain's foremost economists, would be sent to the United States immediately to coordinate the transfer of vital ships and materials to keep the strained British lifeline intact.

"In no sphere of the war," the Prime Minister's prepared statement said, "is the help which the United States government can give us under the Lend-Lease legislation more urgent than that of shipping."

At the same time First Lord of the Admiralty A. V. Alexander promised that if Britain holds out until major American aid arrives she will be certain of a "quick" victory over Adolf Hitler.

A third development in the rapidly crystallizing American-British cooperation was the announcement that Lord Woolton, Food Minister, would send a small mission headed by Robert H. Brand, banking industrial expert, to the United States to discuss arrangements to obtain foodstuffs.

## Browder

writes on Tom Mann, veteran British labor leader, whose death in England on Thursday was a loss to the working class of the world of one of its most devoted and tireless fighters....

## Foster

is a name that every reader of the Sunday Worker loves. In honor of his birthday which will be celebrated at a Madison Square Garden mass meeting Monday night, the Sunday Worker will present articles on his life and work by his co-workers during the past quarter of a century.

Don't miss tomorrow's 16-page edition of the

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## Perjury Charge Made Against Canning

But Coudert Probers  
Uphold Their  
Witness

By S. W. Gerson

William Martin Canning, City College history instructor who last week alleged to the Rapp-Coudert committee that fifty of his colleagues were "Communists," is a perjurer witness, it was charged yesterday by William C. Mulligan, counsel to the College Teachers' Union.

The accusation was made at the very opening of the hearing before the committee at the county courthouse. Mulligan demanded that Canning be taken "across the street to the District Attorney" by chairman Frederic R. Coudert Jr., Republican from Manhattan's silk-stocking district, turned Mulligan down.

Blandly continuing to ignore teachers' demands to take the stand, the committee instead treated the public to a 45-minute discussion of Soviet genetics, education and dress-at taxpayers' expense.

### HORRENDOUS DETAILS

The committee, investigating alleged subversive activities in the city's schools, heard one Dr. Mark Graubard, who described himself variously as a sociologist and student of the effect of hormones on cancer and sex, discourse volubly and at length on his impression of Soviet life.

It also heard many other things in the course of an all-day session at the county courthouse, most of them horrendous details of alleged "subversive" activities of alleged Communists at the College of the City of New York who, various witnesses brought out, sought better lunchrooms, increased library space and agitated for peace.

Coudert did not permit any teacher named as a Communist to take the stand, however. He made the general promise that sometime next week persons "identified" by witnesses would be allowed to testify.

Graubard, a baldish and garrulous fellow who had evidently planned his stage appearance carefully, provided the chief entertainment in an otherwise tedious, long drawn-out day.

Graubard's high point was his attack on the great Soviet geneticist, T. D. Lysenko, known as the Russian Luther Burbank. The

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## Company's Stand Ends Negotiations on Bus Strike; Men Stay Out

## Hillman, Green Back FDR Move to Create War Labor Board

President Acts Swiftly to Create No-Strike Instrument; Murray Opposes Board But Favors 'Councils of Industry'

By Adam Lapin  
(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, March 14.—With the full support of Sidney Hillman and AFL head William Green, President Roosevelt moved swiftly today toward the setting up of a no-strike War Labor Board.

The President told his morning press conference that he expected to have something definite to announce on the creation of this board next week.

As coal negotiations approached a climax and the Steel Workers Organizing Committee pressed for wage increases, the President has been devoting himself during the last couple of days toward completing arrangements for the no-strike board.

It is reliably reported here that the President and OPM officials are opposed to substantial wage increases at the present time and are backing up coal and steel companies in their refusal to grant union demands.

Setting up of the War Labor Board is therefore seen as a direct move against the United Mine Workers and the SWOC in their current negotiations with employers as well as a threat to the right to strike of the labor movement as a whole.

A major problem still confronting the Administration in the settlement of this board is

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NEWARK, March 14.—The United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, CIO, today scored two important victories with agreements providing the preferential union shop with the two largest independent electrical manufacturing firms in New Jersey.

A strike of 5,000 workers of the Thomas A. Edison Industries, Inc., was averted with approval of the settlement at a mass meeting in

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## Hodson's 'Red' Drive Is Not New to Him

Supposed 'Liberal' Is Found by the Record to Have Sponsored a Blacklist in 1934, and to Have Given 'Agitators Lists' to Police

By Harry Raymond

When Welfare Commissioner William Hodson announced recently he had joined Commissioner of Investigation William B. Herlands in an "anti-red" crusade against employees and clients of the Department of Welfare many persons expressed surprise that a "liberal" like Mr. Hodson would go in for red-baiting and union-busting.

But the record shows that anti-labor spying on welfare workers and the unemployed has long been an occupation of the city's chief welfare official.

As far back as 1934, when the mid-mannered Mr. Hodson was the Commissioner of Public Welfare, there was organized under his supervision a tight-knit, secret anti-labor investigation service aimed at blacklisting active unionists who were organizing workers in the department to improve and protect their economic standards.

Hodson today, under pressure of the Al Smith Jr. Councilman Committee, is merely repeating his anti-labor snooping of 1934 and 1935, which, after it was exposed in the Daily Worker, Oct. 15, 1935, was vigorously denounced by progressive

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MEXICO CITY, March 14 (ICN).—J. Edgar Hoover, FBI chief, arrived here a few days ago and is staying at the swanky Hotel Ritz. He has refused to give interviews to American or local correspondents but it is indicated that his purpose here is to establish closer cooperation between the FBI and the Mexican Secret Service agencies.

William Randolph Hearst, who has large landed estates and mining interests in Mexico, was received by President Avila Camacho a few days ago. He is now the honored guest of General Maimone Avila Camacho, the President's brother.

## Foster Garden Rally Monday to Protest Brutal Sentence Against Earl Browder

Monday will be a memorable night in the lives of the thousands who will jam Madison Square Garden to honor William Z. Foster, national chairman of the Communist Party, on his 60th birthday.

Not only will the huge rally celebrate the birthday of a beloved leader, but it will thunder its protest against the savage sentence meted out against Earl Browder.

Since this will be the character of the meeting, it is not surprising that tickets are moving fast and that workers' delegations are journeying from nearby states to participate in the demonstration and celebration.

Workers who have known the organizing hand of William Z. Foster in their struggles will form the backbone of the audience. They plan to attend in groups, with banners and placards.

The story of their hardest-fought battles will be celebrated in pageant and song. Paul Robeson, famed Negro baritone, heads the program of entertainment, which includes the American People's Chorus.

Union Lowered Its Wage Demands, But Firms Refused Discussion

## MAYOR SILENT

Ranks of Strikers Hold Unbreakable; Public Support Mounts

Negotiations for a settlement of the bus strike broke down last night when employers rejected all union proposals.

The strike of 3,500 drivers, conductors, shopmen and garage workers will go on with renewed determination.

"Much as we regret the inconvenience to the people, the unyielding and unreasonable position of the companies compels us to continue the strike," said Austin Hogan, president of the New York local of the Transport Workers Union, last night.

John A. Ritchie, chairman of the boards of the struck companies, was silent. Ritchie, as callous to the public as to his own employees, had turned down revised union demands.

### REDUCED WAGE DEMANDS

The revised proposals had scaled down wage demands by two-thirds. Union negotiators, in fact, had cut their demands down from a total of more than three million dollars to one million.

Tonight Arthur S. Meyer, chairman of the State Mediation Board, said he was flying back to Florida immediately.

He had abandoned mediation efforts, he said, and he knew of no other step to end the strike.

The City of New York had no plans to operate buses over the struck routes, he said.

The strike, said the state mediator, would be settled by "power," not "reason."

Both Mr. Hogan and Mr. Meyer issued statements, explaining the breakdown.

### REASONABLE PROPOSALS

Hogan said: "We have been in constant conference with the Mayor and Mr. Arthur S. Meyer, chairman of the State Mediation Board, for the last two days."

"Notwithstanding the vicious propaganda directed against the demands, which were originally presented by the Transport Workers Union of America to the New York City Omnibus Corporation and the Fifth Avenue Coach Company, we are persuaded that these demands constituted reasonable proposals for the negotiation of new contracts."

"Mindful, however, of the transportation needs of the people of the State of New York, and in deference to the repeated requests of the Mayor and Mr. Meyer, we modify our demands so as to permit of a prompt settlement which would terminate the strike and restore bus service to the people of our city, the negotiating committee of the Transport Workers Union has unanimously voted to revise its demands as follows:

### CITIES PROFITS

"The original demands made on the New York City Omnibus Corporation, as estimated by the company itself, amounted to \$2,000,000. These demands were reduced to the sum of \$750,000. The net corporate income of the New York City Omnibus Corporation exceeds \$2,000,000 a year. The granting of a \$750,000 increase will leave that company with a yearly net income of \$1,250,000, which will still permit it to pay a 25 per cent dividend each year to its stockholders."

"The original demands on the Fifth Avenue Coach Company, as estimated by the company itself, amounted to \$1,243,000. These demands were reduced to \$350,000. The net corporate income of the Fifth Avenue Coach Company, which exceeds one half million dollars a year, will still permit it to pay out to the stockholders a liberal yearly dividend on its real investment."

"The revised demands were presented by Mr. Meyer to John A. Ritchie, chairman of the boards of both companies, and Mr. Ritchie not only rejected

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# Upstate C. I. O. Council Endorses April 5-6 People's Meeting, Elects Peace Delegates

## Kids to Send Delegation at City Hall Picketing Today

A delegation of children will present a protest petition to Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia at City Hall today at noon, during a demonstration against the Mayor's war policies by the American Peace Mobilization, New York Council. The children will ask the Mayor to reconsider his refusal to ask for appropriations for the expansion of school, playground and health facilities which have been reduced to a minimum in the municipal budget for the next fiscal year.

The youngsters are children of members of the American Peace Mobilization. Their parents and other adult members of peace committees will participate in a rally in City Hall Park at the same hour.

## Big Connecticut Drive Gaining Support for Conference

(Special to the Daily Worker)

SCHENECTADY, March 14.—Unanimous endorsement of the American People's Meeting to be held in New York City April 5-6 was voted by the Capital District Industrial Union Council here last night.

Two delegates were elected to attend, and a proposal to notify all affiliated locals of the Council's action was carried.

The Capital District Council represents some 25,000 organized CIO workers in the cities in the capital area of New York State, including Albany, Troy, Schenectady, Amsterdam and Gloversville. Supporting the action, also, was the fraternal delegate of the Rensselaer County unit of the Dairy Farmers Union, representing several hundred organized farmers in that County.

## CONNECTICUT TO SEND BIG DELEGATION

(Special to the Daily Worker)

NEW HAVEN, March 14.—The State of Connecticut is laying the groundwork for full participation in the American People's Meeting in New York April 5-6 and thus far it appears that a delegation of from 500 to 700 will be on hand.

Organizational meetings to prepare delegations have taken place thus far in Stamford, Bridgeport, New Haven, Meriden, Hartford and New Britain; while meetings are being planned for Waterbury, Torrington and eastern sections of the state.

In such communities as Bridgeport and New Haven, where active APM Councils are functioning, the work of mobilizing trade unions, church, fraternal and civic groups to attend the New York peace meeting is being taken care of directly through these agencies.

In other sections, such as Hartford, where cooperating organiza-

## USSR-Thai Relations Established

## Negotiations Achieve Normal Diplomatic Intercourse

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, March 14.—Diplomatic, trade and consular relations have been established between the Soviet Union and Thailand (Siam) according to an official announcement here today.

The opening of normal relations between the two countries was the result of negotiations carried on here in recent weeks by their official representatives. V. M. Molotov, Chairman of the Council of People's Commissars and People's Commissar of Foreign Affairs, and A. Lomovskiy, Assistant People's Commissar of Foreign Affairs, conducted the negotiations on behalf of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and Pamon Montri, Minister of Thailand, and Thailand's Ambassador Plenipotentiary to Berlin, Pra Prassanna Bidyanda, acted on behalf of Thailand.

## Spanish Powder Blast Kills Score, Injures 300

SEVILLE, Spain, March 14 (UP).—More than a score of persons were killed and upward of 300 injured today when a magazine at a powder plant exploded, destroying or damaging property over a large area.

The blast was believed to have been caused by a guard's dropping a box of explosives as he was carrying it into the magazine. The guard, his wife, their seven children, and a corporal and four soldiers guarding the magazine were killed instantly.

## Report Serious Unrest in French Levant

CAIRO, March 14 (UP).—"Serious unrest" in the French Levant was reported today by reliable sources which hinted that it might develop into action of a significant nature. The informant said the people were resentful against the Vichy government, holding it responsible for the plight of Syria and Lebanon.

## 2 Airmen Die

BAHIA BLANCA, Argentina, March 14 (UP).—Jorge A. Raynaud, naval pilot and Cadet Eduardo Alperin, co-pilot, were killed today when their plane crashed after a power dive.



U. S. Troops in Newfoundland: Soldiers sent the newly-acquired base on the island start on a ski hike. Transport will serve as barracks until one is built on land.

## Execute 18 Anti-Nazis in Holland

## Three Were Sentenced for Organizing a Strike

THE HAGUE, March 14 (UP).—German military authorities today announced the execution by firing squads of 18 persons convicted of espionage and sabotage in the recent series of disturbances in the Netherlands.

Fifteen of the victims were among the 18 persons sentenced to death by a German military court after a trial of charges of activity in a purported subversive organization said to have been pledged to kill Germans by such blasphemous methods as poisoned fingernails.

The other three were doomed at Amsterdam for fomenting a strike. Five death sentences were commuted to life imprisonment because the convicts were less than 20 years of age.

## Jugoslav Premier to Go To Germany

## Report Compromise on Demand to Join Axis

BELGRADE, March 14 (UP).—Premier Dragisa Cvetkovich and Foreign Minister Alexander Cincar-Markovich tonight were expected to leave for Germany at any hour after reports that a compromise agreement had broken a deadlock arising from German demands that Yugoslavia adhere to the Axis.

The Yugoslav leaders were expected to make the trip to Germany aboard a German plane which has waited here all week. Usually well-informed diplomatic quarters heard that some middle-course had been found between the Axis demands and the government's determination to retain as much of its independence as possible.

## Chinese Communist Party Press Hails Browder, Denounces Sentence

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

YENAN, China, March 14.—Protest against the 4-year sentence of imprisonment imposed upon Earl Browder, General Secretary of the Communist Party of the United States, was voiced editorially here by Hsin Chung Hua Pao, organ of the Communist Party, in its issue of March 9.

The American revolutionary movement, led by its Communist Party, will gain new strength despite these trials during the growing capitalist crisis, the paper declared. The paper addressed solidarity greetings to Browder as "the most talented, best beloved leader of the American Communist Party and the American people."

## New Town Falls In Drive to Addis Ababa

## Greek and British Planes Conduct Heavy Raid on Port of Valona

CAIRO, March 14 (UP).—One of the columns of British Empire forces converging on the heart of Ethiopia from five directions has reached a point 115 miles from Addis Ababa, Middle East headquarters reported today.

Ethiopian troops commanded by British officers have captured positions near Debra Markos, 115 miles northwest of the capital, from the retreating Italians, the communiques said. Gains also were reported by a new column driving into western Ethiopia and by insurgents advancing north from Kenya.

## HEAVY RAID ON PORT OF VALONA

ROME, March 14 (UP).—Torpedo-carrying Greek and British planes attacked Italian ships in the Albanian port of Valona yesterday, defying heavy anti-aircraft fire which downed two of the raiders, the High Command reported today.

The communiques said only one steamer was damaged, while the crews of the downed planes were captured. Strong forces of Italian planes were said to have carried on a continuous bombing of Greek defense works and troops, as well as a Greek naval base, in a widespread and intense offensive.

## CALL SITUATION A 'CATASTROPHE'

ATHENS, March 14 (UP).—Italy's spring offensive in Albania was described tonight as a "real catastrophe" for the Fascist by a government spokesman, who said the Greeks had beaten back repeated violent assaults by heavily reinforced Italian battalions.

## Spanish Aid Parley At Capital Today

## Expect More Than 150 Delegates from 23 Cities at Rescue Ship Conference; Confer with Cuban Ambassador

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Representatives from trade unions and other progressive groups were arriving in Washington today to participate in the two-day National Emergency Conference sponsored by the United Spanish Aid Committee.

More than 150 delegates from 23 cities and 15 states are expected to be present at the opening session of the conference at 2 P.M. tomorrow at the Hamilton Hotel where a program of aid and rescue for Spanish refugees in French concentration camps will be formulated.

Today a delegation led by Rev. Lynn Sprague conferred with Ambassador Aurelio F. Conchoso, of Cuba, on specific measures proposed by the United American Spanish Aid Committee.

## UNIONS SUPPORT

Leaders of the conference pointed to the substantial support which is being received for the Rescue Ship Mission from trade unions.

The conference has been endorsed by the National Office of the United Federal Workers of America, by 14 Washington locals, and by the Plymouth Local of the United Automobile Workers.

The Bridgeport local of the United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers, the Cigar Makers International Union, Local 500, A.F.L. of Tampa; and New York, Baltimore, and Philadelphia branches of the National Maritime Union are sending official delegates.

The visit paid by the delegation to the Cuban Ambassador will be followed up by further visits to all Latin American embassies, the State Department, Red Cross, and the Spanish and British embassies tomorrow.

Among the proposals placed before Ambassador Conchoso by the

## Hear Vichy to Appeal For Wheat from U. S.

VICHY, France, March 14 (UP).—The government is expected to send a note to the United States within the next few days appealing for 16,666,666 bushels of wheat and reiterating the guarantees, made several times since last August, that no food allowed through the blockade of France will reach Germany or Italy.

The note will suggest that Americans supervise distribution of the food from the time it leaves ships until it reaches consumers, and will promise any further assurances which Britain and the United States may require.

## Communist Party of Spain Issues Call:

# Build Popular Front, Keep Out of War, End Franco Regime

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

LISBON, March 14.—The Communist Party of Spain is calling upon the Spanish people to build a unified Workers' and Popular Front to keep Spain out of the imperialist war and to prepare for and organize the decisive battle for the overthrow of the Franco regime. It is revealed in a copy of the call reaching here.

A single Workers' and Popular Front, declares the call signed by the Central Committee of the Spanish Communist Party, can and must be forged by the masses from below, in the factories, mines and fields. It adds that unity with the leaders of the parties and organizations that betrayed the people is impossible.

The call, which is now circulating in Spain, is addressed to all Spanish workers and is entitled, "Let Us Prevent Spain from Being Dragged into the Imperialist War."

"After a year and a half of the imperialist war," says the call, "we have seen the peoples of Europe suffer great pain and bloodshed. In fact, a second imperialist world war. The Spanish people find itself face to face with this choice: Either to permit itself to be led to death or to foil the criminal plans of the pro-Franco elements through unbreakable resistance."

## RESIST WAR PLANS

"Prevent Spain from being plunged into the imperialist world war is the slogan of the people in their battle against the Franco regime within the country. And this must be the flag of struggle that will rally all those in the world that love and want to see Spain free and progressive."

"In the first weeks of the war, the dictator was neutral. But Franco's neutrality has never been more than a miserable camouflage to cover his real intentions. Franco and the Falangists began from the first day of his victory to prepare for Spain's participation in the war ideologically and practically. They are constructing strategic airbases, roads and railways. They have strengthened the garrisons in

Morocco, the Canary Islands and Southern Spain. And while the Franco regime finds no way to ease the hunger of the working masses, the major part of the enormous state budget is invested in military expenses.

"All these military activities show to what an extent the will to drag the Spanish people into the imperialist massacre has taken root in the Franco centers. If this has not already been accomplished, it is due to two different reasons, one internal, the other external."

## DISCONTENT RISES

"The main reason," the document continues, "that has kept Franco and his bosses from forcing Spain into the imperialist war is the situation existing in the country. The rising discontent, hatred and hostility of the people against the Franco regime have reached vast proportions. At the same time there is noted, more and more, a lack of unity among the very forces that surround the dictator. Franco and the Falangists have not been able to conquer the resistance of the working class and the popular masses—not through terror, demagoguery or the promises of restoring the Spanish Empire."

"The forces upon which the Franco regime rests are not homogeneous. Contradictions and divergences are developing in their midst. A section of these forces is in favor of restoration of the monarchy with England's support. The affiliates of the Falange, subjected to Italy and Germany where they find protection and support, wish to act exclusively under the dictatorship and in service to those powers."

"All the people are opposed to the Franco regime—proletarians, farm workers, poor and middle peasants, intellectuals, the small urban bourgeoisie, and all who are honest and progressive in the country."

## WANT PEACE, PROGRESS

"The Spanish people hate the imperialist war. They are not ambitious for colonies or for foreign wealth. The Spanish people want to achieve human living conditions and an independent life. They want to carry further the progress that began with the Popular Republic; they do not

want to be the tools of oppression against other peoples. They do not want to enter the imperialist war in which they would only find suffering and new chains for their enslavement. The Spanish workers who fought heroically for 32 months defending the independence of their fatherland understand very well what the present imperialist war means. They know that Spain, in the few of either side of the struggle, would always be a small country whose children would be used as cannon fodder."

"The imperialist war is a war of the rich, into which the poor are plunged to their death in the interests of their exploiters."

The call, in this connection, quotes the following words of George Dimitroff, head of the Communist International.

"The bourgeoisie does everything possible to force millions of men to go to war or die for a cause which is not their own. The working class, the toilers, have nothing to defend in this war. This is not your war but a war of your exploiters. This war only brings suffering, privation, misery and death to the workers. In supporting this type of war, the workers would be doing nothing else but defending the interests of their enslavers and oppressors, supporting capitalist enslavement."

## NEED UNITY

"The liberation of the Spanish people," the document continues, "can only be obtained through the struggle of the proletariat, peasants and all workers of the world. Spain's freedom cannot be accomplished through a miracle nor bestowed by those who have placed the people in the hands of the Franco hangers-on. Unity and the unification of the fighting popular forces are above all necessary for victory in this struggle. The Popular Front, against which all the reactionaries, capitalists and traitors of Spain launch their whole arsenal of calumny, was the lever for the most important conquests of the Spanish people."

"The Popular Front gave land to the peasants and bettered the living conditions of the workers. The Popular Front defended the interests of the small producers, raised the cultural standards of



JOSE DIAZ

DOLORES IBARRURI

the masses and ensured liberty for all people. The Popular Front gave a constitution to Euzkadi and consolidated the national liberties of the Catalonians and Basques. In the armed struggle of the Spanish people against the uprising of traitorous militarists and foreign invasion, the Popular Front was the force that made possible the mobilization of the workers and their heroic resistance. For this reason, all the enemies of the people, who within and without the country were interested in doing away with the Popular Republic, made the Popular Front the target of their intrigues, maneuvers and sabotage."

## TRAITORS DIVIDED

"To break the unity of the people meant to break the back of the Republic's resistance. International reaction, Franco's agents, the capitalists and traitors, the Prietos, Martinezes, Barrios, Meras, Mijas and Casados were able to end the glorious struggles of the Spanish people only after they had broken the Popular Front unity. During the whole course of the war of liberation, we the Communists saw in the unity of the people the main condition for efficiently maintaining the struggle. The same people who in Spain served international reaction and destroyed the unity of the popular forces and prepared the conditions for defeat today abroad continue their policy of disruption and their maneuvers, even arriv-

ing at a compromise with the Falangists and monarchists."

"So proceed the Prietos, Martinezes, Barrios and their henchmen. In keeping with their political life, which was full of vacillation and cowardice, eight ex-Republican ministers gathered in Mexico on the initiative of the Martinezes and Barrios to discuss the possible restoration of the monarchy in Spain. These gentlemen agreed to accept the monarchy as a lesser evil, offering to give representation in it to a 'political opposition.' But developments in Europe have taken a course somewhat different from what had been thought by those who, according to the confession of Indalecio Prieto, 'have fallen through poor political vision, incompetency, lack of patriotism, and graft.' (And among those who failed is Prieto himself.)"

## PEOPLE DON'T FORGET

"They all look forward to their return to Spain supported by the arms of those who were their model in treason. But the Spanish people do not forget and cannot forget the conduct and action of men, parties and organizations in the course of the war of liberation. The Spanish people know the role played by the leadership of those parties that supported the Casados junta and participated in their treason."

In another section the document continues: "Since the beginning of the imperialist war these traitorous groups, on orders from the bankers in London,

are making every effort to convince our people that England will free them from the Franco regime. The popular masses will not let themselves be fooled. In their bitter experience they have learned that the defeat of the Popular Republic and the conquest of Spain by Italy and Germany was facilitated by the British bourgeoisie. Therefore the reason for the defeat of Popular Spain must be looked for not only in Rome and Berlin but in London as well. The 'non-intervention' agreement, which bound the Spanish Republic hand and foot, was adopted and put in force when the ruling classes in England saw that the resistance of the Spanish people could cause the plans of the insurgent militarists to fail. During the war of the Spanish people the English bourgeoisie helped in Franco's triumph because of its hatred and fear of a victory of the Spanish people."

"There are German armies in the Pyrenees and English armies in Gibraltar. Each of these forces is aiming at an objective: to transform the Spanish people into an instrument in the service of its criminal struggle for world domination. Each is driving Spain into the war for interests foreign to the Spanish people. This is a truth that must be told to the Spanish workers. This is what must be recalled to the popular masses in our country. This is the first task in the struggle to end the Franco regime: not to permit the Spanish people to be plunged into the war, not to allow our brothers' blood to flow in defense of the interests of the capitalists of either belligerent group."

"The cause of the Spanish people has nothing in common with the imperialist groups in the present struggle. The Spanish people who suffer hunger cannot be content that Germany and Italy rob and pillage their natural wealth. They want to restore the country, not construct armaments for the imperialists. They want all foreign military forces withdrawn from the country. The Spanish people want to recover their national independence for which they struggled and for which they are always willing to struggle. They want all terror and executions to stop. They want the liberation of their prisoners and the

return of their exiles. They want to put an end to Franco's inquisition regime and to be the owners of their country. They want to set up their own democratic regime, their own popular Republic."

## MAIN ENEMY

"To accomplish this it is necessary to struggle unflinchingly against the principal enemy: against the Franco regime. Only through this persevering and firm struggle can we prevent all war and imperialist plans and hasten the overthrow of Franco's dictatorship. In this struggle for social and national liberation of Spain, the Communist Party today, as yesterday, constitutes the vanguard detachment, holding in its hands the flag of unity in struggle against reaction within and without the country."

The call quotes the following words of Jose Diaz and Dolores Ibarruri: "Labor unity and unity of the popular masses for struggle against the imperialist war, to prevent the Spanish people from being sacrificed in Europe's massacre as human merchandise in defense of the interests of their enemies, are today more necessary than ever before. Labor unity—a single proletarian and popular front—weapons that have been proven a thousand times in our epic war of national liberation—are needed by us as much as light and water in the struggle against terror, exploitation and oppression. The struggle for the defense of the interests of the workers must not cease for a single day. We must prevent the exploiters from reducing wages even more; we must get better living conditions from the capitalists; we must build the resistance of the masses against each new attempt at exploitation. We must fight for each of our rights and liberties; obtain through struggle the freedom of our organizations and trade unions; win the suppression of the infamous concentration camps and the freedom of our prisoners."

## FIGHT FOR LAND

"It is necessary to develop a fight in the field against unfair contracts forced through by bankers and usurers who suck the blood of the peasants. We must struggle so that the land may belong to those who work it. We must defend the national rights

of the peoples of Catalonia, Euzkadi and Galicia."

"A single Workers' Front and Popular Front is indispensable for us in the struggle to prepare and organize the decisive battle for the overthrow of the Franco regime. But unity with the leaders of the parties and organizations that have betrayed and will betray the interests of the working class, that have shifted over to the field of the enemies of the Spanish people, is impossible. A single Workers' and Popular Front in the old style is not possible. It can and must be forged by the masses from below: in the factories, mines and fields, wherever the workers live, suffer and struggle."

"The single Workers' and Popular Front should be built in struggle against the bourgeois dictatorship, against the landowners, against the traitorous leaders of the Spanish Socialist Workers' Party, Anarchist and Republican parties. In this struggle the Communist Party will not only not refuse any sincere collaboration, but calls all to take part in this common task."

"And in the present moment," the call continues, "so full of peril for our people, we renew the call to all the workers, Socialists, Anarchists, Republicans, Catholics and non-Party people, who together with the Communists struggled in the trenches for the defense of the Spanish Republic, who together with the Communists find themselves being guarded by the same hangmen, who together suffer in exile, and whom only the treason of some unworthy leaders who sold themselves to the enemy was able to divide."

The call concludes with the following slogans:

"Let us raise even higher the flag of struggle against the hangmen of the Spanish people, against all who drive us towards the precipice of the imperialist war. Let us not permit Spain's participation in the war! Down with the sanguinary and inquisition regime! Long live the people in the struggle for national and social liberty! Long live the fighting and fraternal union of the Spanish, Catalonian, Basque and Galician peoples! Long live the Communist Party of Spain!"



# Foster, Minor Cable Tribute To Tom Mann

Tom Mann "will forever remain in the memory and the heart of the international working class," declared the Communist Party in a cable to the Communist Party of Great Britain yesterday.

Paying tribute to Tom Mann as the "finest representative of the British working class," the cable, signed by Wm. Z. Foster, national chairman, and Robert Minor, acting secretary, reads:

"The Communist Party, U.S.A., mourns with you the loss of Tom Mann, finest representative of the British working class throughout his long lifetime, who remained true to the workers' cause against the makers of the first World War and again stood firm against the makers of the present second imperialist war.

"From his earliest days through more than half a century he stood as the very symbol of labor's struggle in every part of the world, always the fighter for labor's cause, always alert and vigilant in defense of working class interests.

## ALWAYS CONFIDENT

"He was never fooled by the enemies of the proletariat, never deceived either by the demagoguery or the maneuvers of labor's false friends or open enemies. His heart was always aflame with faith in the great cause of labor and in its ultimate triumph; he never vacillated or hesitated and was always in the forefront of the struggle, as one of the greatest symbols of proletarian struggle ever produced by the working class.

"American workers still remember his advice and contribution in 1913 when he toured the United States and bemoaned the lack of organization among the great masses of industrial workers, already at that time pointing to the need of the forms of trade union organization and strategy which now the widest masses of American workers are finding indispensable to their protection. Tom Mann's life and work was dedicated to the emancipation of labor, to the creation of a socialist world. He was always true to the international cause of the workers, was the best of defenders of the Communist International and a close associate with our General Secretary, Earl Browder, who, for his loyalty to the workers' cause stands now condemned to a long prison term.

"Noblest spokesman of the British working class, Tom Mann truly belonged to the workers of the world. He will forever remain in the memory and the heart of the international working class."

# Hodson's 'Red' Drive Is Not New to Him

Supposed 'Liberal' Is Found by the Record to Have Sponsored a Blacklist in 1934, and to Have Given 'Agitators Lists' to Police

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public opinion and later curbed somewhat by the city administration.

In the month of June, 1934, Alexander Taylor, then secretary of the Associated Office and Professional Employees, charged that:

1. A number of relief workers were dismissed because they were radicals.
2. Commissioner Hodson kept a so-called radical blacklist.
3. Persons thought to be radicals were not admitted to work relief.

Hodson promptly denied these charges publicly. He was joined in his denial by Edward Corri, then head of the Home Relief Bureau. The police department likewise said it knew nothing of the radical blacklist.

But a year later the Daily Worker produced photostats of a secret report by a T. E. R. A. special investigator exposing the Hodson blacklist system and involving leading persons in the LaGuardia administration.

## LISTED MANY CASES

The document listed 24 cases after case of workers discriminated against through the Hodson spy system.

It told of ten workers dismissed from New York University and City College of New York projects "for reasons other than those given by the Works Division of the Department of Public Welfare."

"The names of nine of these ten workers were found subsequently to be included in the radical list," the investigator said.

The document showed that on

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# CIO Wins Pact With Edison N. J. Plant

Also Bring Up State's Other Largest Firm in Electrical Industry

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West Orange last night.

Another strike of 1,600 workers at the Tung-Sol Electric Co., Newark, was averted when the company agreed to wage increases ranging from three to 14 cents an hour, vacations of one and two weeks with pay, and other of the standard provisions in the union's pacts with electric firms.

## FORCED ACTION

Negotiations at Tung-Sol continued for six weeks. An agreement was finally forced when a strike vote was taken and in several shops stoppages occurred.

The Edison wage of a flat 5-cents an hour for all workers in six plants—total—\$233,000—annually. James McLeish, president of District 4 of the union, said:

A further provision is a 5 and 10 per cent increase above the regular rates for night workers.

The pact extends for two years with an option to reopen the wage clause on 30 days notice. Vacations with pay, 7 paid holidays, seniority and other improvements are also provided.

"This places the two largest independent companies under union contract," said McLeish, "and breaks the open shop tradition the electrical industry had in this state. From now on we can expect to sign nothing less than a union shop."

# AFL Butchers Rally Strength For A & P Vote

Defeat of Red-Baiting Clique in Election Next Week Sought

The membership of Local 623, Amalgamated Butcher Workmen, AFL, yesterday rallied all possible strength for a vote among 1,500 meat department employees of the Atlantic & Pacific Stores set by the State Labor Relations Board for March 20.

At the same time the membership prepared to give a decisive rebuff to a red-baiting clique under the leadership of ousted former business agent Julius Schein in a union election on March 18 and 19.

The Schein group, attempting to return its leader as business agent, has entered into a united front with reactionary groups in Local 222, Amalgamated Chain Store Employees, CIO, for promised aid in their internal union fight. The CIO group, controlled by a combination of Hillmanites and the Catholic Trade Unionists, hopes that injection of red-baiting and a split in Local 623 ranks, would cause the AFL union's defeat in the election.

Local 623, according to its general manager, Conrad Kaye, has no interest in which union the other store employees choose, but feels that the butchers would be better represented through their own organization, claiming a majority already in Local 623 ranks. He further stressed that outside the A. & P. stores, the butchers must be members of the AFL to obtain employment.

Kaye said he has received telegrams from over a dozen cities of locals of the Butchers in the A. & P. stores who pledged full support in the election.

On March 20 the Butchers will vote if they want to be represented separately. If they favor such basis, they will then take part in another election 10 days later, on whether they want the CIO or Local 623 in New York-Bronx, Local 342 Brooklyn-Queens.

A third union in the situation, the Retail Clerks Protective Association, the AFL store union, is rivaling Local 222, CIO, in the election, and also came out against the Butchers Union, with red-baiting as its weapon.

Kaye, who is running for re-election without opposition, was a Lincoln Brigade veteran, and is chief target of the red-baiters.

Considerable of this discrimination was halted by organized protests of welfare workers and the unemployed shortly after the Daily Worker made this report public. Under progressive public pressure, the Welfare Department was compelled to adopt a more liberal policy in dealing with labor and unemployed organizations.

For a long time thereafter Mayor LaGuardia and Hodson have boasted in their yearly reports of their "liberal" relief policies.

# CAN STOP IT AGAIN

But today reaction is once more in the saddle. The Mayor has slashed the first 1941 six-month relief appropriation \$1,362,666 and has indicated 10,000 will be dropped from the relief rolls.

Administration of relief is under attack by the vested interests and their lackies, officials of the reactionary Civil Service Forum, the Al Smith Committee, the Christian Front and various other fascist groups.

The cry is again "Reds, radicals and Communists." The aim, however, is to slash relief and to break up organizations of welfare workers and the jobless.

The Mayor and Hodson are again busy through the Department of Investigation, whipping up a red hunt.

It can be stopped today as it was in 1935 by strong organized protest of labor and its progressive allies.



SWOC Strikes Bethlehem Plant: Striking members of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, CIO, picket the Bethlehem Steel Corp. plant in Los Angeles in a strike called after four union men were fired.

# Teachers' Counsel Says Canning Is 'Perjurer'

But Coudert Committee Upholds Its Own Witness; Won't Hear Accused Teachers, But Gives Free Reign to Garrulous Professor

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Russians, he told the rapt committee members, had overthrown the American theory of genetics at the instance of Lysenko because it conflicted with Marxism-Leninism.

"In other words," prompted Paul Windels, counsel to the committee, "whenever science ran head-on with Marxism-Leninism in Russia, that was the end of science, wasn't that so?"

"Yes, yes," replied the eager witness. Sen. Charles D. Perry, Tammany Democrat who is known as something less than a statesman and as not much more as a scientist, also nodded approval.

GRAUBARD HEARS PRESS Graubard, who claimed to have been a Communist Party member for a brief while, spent a few moments in discussing what he alleged were Communist activities at City College and most of his time in developing his opinions of the Soviet Union and general theories for the record. On and on the witness went without interruption, a battery of stenographers struggling vainly to keep up with the torrent of words.

His attitude was summed up in the remarks he placed in the mouth of another teacher who, he said, accompanied him on a visit to the Soviet Union:

"The honest press tells more truth about the Soviet Union than the Daily Worker."

Other witnesses were placed on the stand by Windels in an effort to corroborate the story of Canning.

Annette Sherman, of 245 W. 25th St., a clerk at City College evening session, was the first witness of the day. Displaying the same miraculous memory shown by other Windels-led witnesses, Miss Sherman claimed that she, too, had been a Communist Party member and could positively, but positively, identify about forty of her co-workers as Communists.

Following a listing by Windels she not only named CCNY teachers as Communists but even a few at New York University, Brooklyn and Hunter College. Only Queens College, among the city institutions, escaped her Addison Sims-of-Seaside memory.

Among her charges against her colleagues were that one had shouted in Spanish during a May Day parade: "Down With Fascism!"

Other treasonable activities of the Communists, according to Miss Sherman, were that they urged all their members to become members of the College Teachers Union and accept membership on union conditions.

Despite prodding from Windels she insisted, however, that she did not recall "specific instructions" from the Communist Party on the "line" to be followed in the union.

Two others, Abraham Goodhart, of 6309 Bay Parkway, Brooklyn, a Brooklyn College clerk, and Oscar Zeitner, a CCNY history tutor, testified in much the same vein but could not summon the same powers of memory possessed by Miss Sherman.

A new and ominous note crept into the proceedings when Windels sought persistently to get Zeitner to admit that two fellow-workers, Morris U. Schappes and David Goldway, had told him to make certain statements on the stand. Windels, it was clear to observers, was clearly trying to develop into a case of subornation of perjury. Zeitner, however, could not recall any such statements.

## PROTESTS FELT

Protests against the tactics of the committee, which have been widespread, again made themselves felt yesterday in two forms, by an American Student Union picket line outside the courthouse and in the hearing, although in distorted form, by witnesses.

Three officials of the college, acting president Harry N. Wright, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts

# Harvester Strike Enters Seventh Week

Company Begins to Feel Pinch as Farmers Aid Walkout

By Carl Harris

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, March 14. — In the seventh week of the strike at four International Harvester plants, it was evident today that the company is beginning to feel the pinch, with demands pouring in from farmers for equipment promised for delivery.

Meanwhile, powerful support from farmers and farm organizations was reported by the striking CIO farm equipment workers.

Farmers' Union state organizations in Louisiana, Alabama and South Dakota, and the Farmer-Labor Association of Minnesota have expressed their support for the strike.

## CANADIAN SUPPORT

Even from Canada the strikers received encouraging words of support from the powerful United Farmers of Canada, Saskatchewan Section. This organization reported that "the farmers look with disfavor on the action of the company."

Frank Elason, secretary of the United Farmers of Canada in Saskatchewan, declared that the issues in the Harvester strike "are being spread among the ten large province-wide cooperative organizations."

"The result of this work," wrote Elason, "will be that individual farmers and representatives of farm organizations will discuss the situation with agents of the International Harvester Company throughout the province, and they will be told that farmers look with disfavor upon the action of the company."

This stirring display of farm-labor solidarity won an ovation by the strikers themselves at a large mass meeting here yesterday, where union leaders reported on latest developments in the strike.

Some 3,000 strikers jammed the Chicago, Sokol Hall to hear the full report of the negotiating committee which returned Sunday morning from Washington.

# Resume Coal Talks Monday

Kern Hits Smith For Aiding in Draft Dodge

Prober Intercedes for Searles, Counsel for His Committee

Civil Service Commissioner Paul J. Kern yesterday tipped into the red-baiting Al Smith Jr., "investigating committee" for its high-handed interference on behalf of Sidney Z. Searles, volunteer committee counsel, to obtain draft deferment for Searles.

Kern took a hefty slap at Smith for his action when he posted notices in the Civil Service Commission offices—urging the office employees to seek deferment "on the grounds of 'indispensability,'" the same grounds upon which Smith secured deferment for his red-baiting committee counsel.

Searles, Kern said, was apparently fully within the scope of the draft, being single with no dependents, and of age.

## NOT CONSULTED

Meanwhile, Councilman Robert K. Straus, minority member of the Smith committee, also issued a blast at the interference for Searles. In a letter to Col. Arthur V. McDermott, Straus declared that the investigating committee, headed by Smith, had not been consulted on the Searles matter.

"I have just learned," Straus wrote, "from a report... that Sidney K. Searles has been deferred by the local draft board and that such deferment was granted on the ground that his services were essential to the committee. I understand that the request for his deferment was made by Councilman Alfred E. Smith Jr., chairman of the committee. I want you to know that Mr. Smith never consulted the committee and that his request does not represent a determination made by its full membership."

Meanwhile, Mr. Kern, bowing to a 6 to 1 decision of the Court of Appeals, said he would drop his refusal to testify before the Smith committee, but will continue to fight the committee's reactionary aims.

Wage Issue Untouched as 'Exploratory'; Talks Go on

Negotiations for coal mine pact, now in the hands of a small sub-committee, recessed last night after a day of "general discussion" spokesmen of both sides announced. Conferences will resume Monday at 10 A. M. at Hotel Biltmore.

Thomas Kennedy, secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers, and Ezra Van Horn, head of the Ohio Coal Association, respectively secretary and chairman of the Appalachian Joint Wage Conference, said that the day was "exploratory," with the vital wage issue still not touched.

Neither John L. Lewis or Phillip Murray, vice-president of the union, took part in today's talks. The latter left for Washington. Lewis is expected to enter the conference, at a more decisive stage.

Murray, it appears, will have to divide time between the steel and mine negotiations. The deadline for the steel pact is close to the April 1 of the miners.

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**Bus Strikers Show Strength:** The balcony at the Royal Windsor as the Transport Workers Union members and their families rallied Thursday night. Meeting set a high point in labor militancy in this city. —Daily Worker Photo

## Bus Strikers Hold a Rally, And Roll Up Their Sleeves

Stage Spectacular Demonstration of Labor Militancy and Solidarity as 4,000 Pack Royal Windsor Hall

By John Meldon

A fellow's ear-drums had to be shock-proof last Thursday night, if he expected to come out of the Royal Windsor with normal hearing, after 4,000 bus strikers and their wives got through putting on one of the most spectacular demonstrations of labor militancy this city had seen in a long time.

The main ballroom of Royal Windsor actually quivered under the constant impact of cheers that came from thousands of throats, most of them Irish. And if any of New York's wealthy bus line owners, particularly Mr. John A. Ritchie, tycoon of them all, had been present, the chances are he would have given up in sheer demoralization and disgust. Occasion for the great demonstration was the mass strike rally called by the Transport Workers Union to hear the report of the day-long talks that had been in progress between union officials and the heads of the strike-bound bus lines in the Mayor's City Hall office.

### HALL JAMMED

At 8 P. M. the big meeting hall in Royal Windsor was jammed to the farthestmost balcony seat. But it wasn't until after midnight that the strikers heard the outcome of the parley.

And it was during those four hours of waiting that the strikers put on their demonstration of solidarity that left observers with a unanimous opinion that no reactionary force which the operators are capable of mustering would ever swerve the Transport Workers Union from its grim determination to win the walkout.

During those long hours of waiting, the packed throngs sang, cheered and laughed, and when they got tired of that they began jumping up from the audience to the meeting platform where they put on a series of swift-moving amateur skits. Some danced, others sang, and again others brought roars of laughter with their contemptuous sallies at the fleet operators and the capitalist press which has been frothing at the mouth since the great bus lines strike started.

## City's Organizations Support Bus Strike

Scores of Unions, Both CIO and AFL, Wired Pledges of Backing to Strike Rally at Royal Windsor Hall

Unions, both CIO and AFL, and mass organizations totaling hundreds of thousands of members poured telegrams of greetings and solidarity into the rally of the Transport Workers Union striking bus drivers held in Royal Windsor hall last Thursday night. Up until a late hour yesterday, the TWU was compiling the list of greetings at its headquarters. Following is a partial list of the organizations which pledged support for the bus walkout:

- Local 1199, Retail Drug Employees, CIO.
- Local 18, United Office and Professional Workers, CIO.
- National Maritime Union, CIO.
- Fur and Leather Workers, CIO.
- American Communication Association, CIO.
- Local 259, United Automobile Workers, CIO.
- Local 1127, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, CIO.
- Local 3, United Retail and Wholesale Employees, CIO.
- Local 78, Upholsterers, CIO.
- Hearns Local, Department Store Employees, CIO.
- Furniture Workers Joint Council, CIO.
- Local 12165, District 5, United Mine Workers, CIO.
- Local 4, Department Store Employees, CIO.
- Local 16, Crawford Clothes, CIO.
- Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians, CIO.
- Local 28, State, County and Municipal Workers, CIO.
- Local 30, Insurance Agents, CIO.
- West Side Council, Jewish People's Committee.
- United American Artists, CIO.
- Local 848, Painters, AFL.
- Local 906, United Periodical Workers, CIO.
- Local 140, United Federal Workers, CIO.
- Local 60, United Shoe Workers, CIO.
- Local 2,090, Brotherhood of Carpenters, AFL.
- Pur Floor and Shipping Clerks, CIO.
- District 4, URMWA, CIO.
- Local 830, Retail Employees Union, CIO.
- Joint Council 13, United Shoe Workers, CIO.
- Local 15, Building Construction Union, CIO.
- Israel Zion Hospital Employees, Jewish Day Strikers Committee.
- Local 906, Retail Cigar Employees, CIO.
- Local 57, United Construction Workers Committee, CIO.
- Cavan Benevolent Association.
- Stern Department Store Employees, CIO.

## Talks Continue In Aluminum Strike in N.J.

No Settlement Yet—Workers Demand Wage Raise

(Special to the Daily Worker)

EDGEWATER, March 14.—Conferences in the strike of 3,000 workers of Aluminum Company of America were still on late tonight with no indication of any outcome. With William F. Cann, federal conciliator, taking part, conferences have been on at the company's offices all day. Among those participating is George H. Hobaugh, secretary-treasurer of the Aluminum Workers of America, who represents the union's International office. The others are a rank and file committee from the strikers.

The workers are demanding time-and-one-half for overtime and Sunday work and a 10-cent hourly increase. The plant is practically at a standstill.

## Strike Closes Pittsburgh Paper For Second Time

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PITTSBURGH, March 14.—The Post-Gazette, Pittsburgh's only morning newspaper, suspended publication "until further notice" today for the second time within five days.

Members of the Mailers Union refused to cross the picket line set up by circulation workers last night, forcing the suspension.

The newspaper and the Newspaper Alliance, a union of circulation workers affiliated with the AFL, are in disagreement over the employment of non-union men for work which should be done by union men.

## House Okays 3½ Billions for Navy

WASHINGTON, March 14 (UP).—The House today passed without opposition and sent to the Senate a \$3,446,585,144 Navy appropriation bill for 1942. The bill carried \$1,515,000,000 to continue construction of the two-ocean navy, and \$434,550,000 for aviation.

## Two Dead, Nine Hurt In Apartment Fire

HARRISBURG, Pa., March 14.—Two persons suffocated and nine were injured early today in a fire in an apartment building. The dead are Carl Fraumfelter, 46, world war veteran, and Mrs. Carrie Schreck, a widow, in whose apartment Fraumfelter boarded.

## 11-Year-Old Has 7 lb. Baby in Michigan

CARSON CITY, Mich., March 14 (UP).—An 11-year-old Mexican girl and her seven-pound, four-ounce son were reported in good condition today at Carson City Hospital. The young mother's name was withheld.

Dr. Emmet Binkert, chief of staff at the hospital, performed an operation to deliver the child late yesterday. A group of physicians present for dedication of a new wing of the hospital witnessed the operation.

## Hillman and Green Back F.D.R. Move for War Labor Board

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ing up of the new board is the opposition of the CIO to this anti-labor proposal.

The President told his press conference that he expected to discuss the War Labor Board plan shortly with CIO president Philip Murray who is on record against the scheme.

Murray declared today that "current suggestions for the establishment of an independent labor board and for alleged 'cooling off' restraints to be imposed upon labor are wholly unrealistic, will not further the program of national defense, and will compete to the complete detriment of labor."

As against the War Labor Board plan, however, Murray proposed that labor problems should be handled by a system of industry councils which he proposed should be set up in each industry.

Many progressive leaders here believe that this alternative suggested by Murray itself contains many dangerous implications for the labor movement.

The CIO president stated his attitude in a memorandum to President Roosevelt outlining his industry council plan which he made public today.

Murray's plan provides for equal representation for labor and management on each industry council with the chairman to be a government representative. The council in each industry is to plan production as well as handle labor relations.



**WATERFRONT FIRE IN NEW ORLEANS:** The flames which swept the three-story Bienville warehouse and endangered other buildings in the vicinity, travel over a second floor runway to another warehouse across the street. The blaze destroyed huge stores of brown sugar, silk, whiskey and other goods valued at over \$1,000,000.

## Company Ends Bus Parley; Strike Goes On

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them, but adhered to his original stubborn refusal to make any improvement in our condition.

### COMPELLED TO CONTINUE

"Much as we regret the inconvenience to the people, the unyielding and unreasonable position of the companies compels us to continue the strike."

"We wish to express our sincere appreciation of the efforts of Mr. Meyer to bring about a settlement."

Harry Sacher, counsel for the Transport Workers Union, pointed out that the companies had absolutely refused to have any discussion on the revised demands.

Mr. Meyer's statement follows: "After having explored the possibilities fully, and worked with both parties of the controversy for two full days, I regret to state that at the present time it is evident that further efforts to mediate will prove fruitless."

"The gap between the desires and demands of the parties has not been closed. And I am at least for the present giving up my efforts."

### NO COMMENT BY MAYOR

Meyer said he had informed Mayor LaGuardia of the situation, and the Mayor, he said, had no comment to make.

Asked if any other negotiations, outside of his, were projected, Meyer said bluntly, "No."

Then a reporter asked: "Mr. Meyer, has the Mayor any plan," and he replied: "None that I know of."

"Has the company any plans to resume negotiations?" a reporter asked.

"I don't know," he said. "Has the city any plan to operate buses over the struck routes?" was another question.

"No," said Mr. Meyer.

Mr. Meyer stated that he could think of "no new step that can be made at the present time."

"It looks as though the strike will continue until it is settled by power instead of by reason," Mr. Meyer declared.

Both the union officials and Mr. Meyer had pointed out that the union had flatly refused to go into arbitration. Meyer made it clear, however, that neither side had refused to continue conversations. He said that he had "definitely no criticism" of either side in the controversy.

Mr. Meyer said that the company had prepared either to arbitrate everything, that is to say have an arbitrator decide not only the question of the union's demands, but also of the company's demands, or the company would withdraw its demands entirely, provided the union would close a new contract with the Fifth Avenue Coach Company on precisely the same terms as the expired contract. In that event the arbitration on the Omnibus Corporation situation would involve only consideration of the union demands and the company would withdraw its demands.

The conference opened for the second time yesterday morning at 11:03 o'clock in the offices of the State Mediation Board at 250 W. 57th St.

### UNION CONFEREES

President Michael J. Quill was there for the union, with Austin Hogan, president of the New York local; John Santo, international secretary-treasurer; Harry Sacher, general counsel, and others.

"How is everything?" reporters asked Quill as he came out of the conference room for a drink of water.

"Great," answered Quill. "What's great?" asked a reporter.

"The strike," replied Quill. "Thousands of pickets were tying up every bus on the lines of the Fifth Avenue Coach Company and the New York City Omnibus Corporation as he spoke."

### SUBWAY WORKERS AID

Subway workers were picketing with bus men too.

The subway reinforcements can be seen any noon in front of the New York City Omnibus Corporation terminal at Lexington Ave. and 90th St.

## Both Sides Boast Of Savagery of Air War Attack

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lack on Glasgow—the "Scottish Chicago"—and a great shipbuilding center in addition to general industrial production.

### THREATEN DEMOLITION OF GLASGOW

BERLIN, March 14 (UP).—Germany threatened today that "not one stone will remain upon another" at the important Atlantic port of Glasgow, "Scottish Chicago" subjected to devastating attack during the night by hundreds of German bombers.

"The destruction of important targets of this excellent Atlantic harbor is only the beginning," the official DNB news agency promised.

While Glasgow was receiving the fury of one of the biggest air attacks of the war—its first major night raid—other Nazi planes blasted the Liverpool region for the second time in 24 hours and spread out to include Hull and Birkenhead.

At all these ports leaping seas of flames were reported after the German incendiaries and high explosives had crashed down on harbor installations, warehouses and grain silos.

### NEW DEFENSES

DNB revealed that among "startling" new British defenses were night fighters equipped with indi-

vidual searchlights which probed the high altitudes for the German raiders.

### SAY DAMAGE NOT "EXCESSIVE"

GLASGOW, March 14 (UP).—German warplanes blasted the Glasgow and Clyde area with the longest and heaviest raid in months during the night hours but today damage was reported "not excessive" considering weight of the Nazi attack.

Workers tolled all through the night rescuing victims from long blocks of blasted tenements. Newly organized fire-spotter squads and emergency crews kept fire damage to a minimum.

### CASUALTIES HEAVY IN NORTHEAST TOWN

A NORTHEAST COAST BRITISH TOWN, March 14 (UP).—German planes droned incessantly over this city for hours during the night in bright moonlight, hurling incendiary and explosive bombs and left scores of townspeople wounded or killed, many buried in ruins and hundreds homeless and destitute. Known casualties were 28 killed and 60 wounded but the list crew steadily as bodies were recovered from the ruins of homes, mostly in the poorer districts.

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# Pages from Foster's Life....

## A CHICAGO STOCKYARD STRIKE

The Alschuler arbitration proceedings in the packinghouse movement early in 1938, covered at first only the five biggest national packers. Therefore, it became necessary for us to bring also under their scope the hundreds of smaller packinghouses, by-product plants, etc., all over the country, including the Union Stockyards and Transit Company of Chicago.

The U.S.T. Co., controlled by the great packers in defiance of the anti-trust laws, served as a depot and sales market for the tens of thousands of livestock arriving daily in Chicago. Its three thousand workers unloaded, fed, graded, segregated and drove the cattle, sheep and hogs to the killing beds of the packinghouses. It was a highly strategic section of the packing industry.

As national secretary of the movement, I headed the union committee which demanded that this company accept the eventual arbitration decision. Mr. Leonard, the manager, met us coldly and told us that his men were not members of our union, that they were satisfied with present conditions and that he would not sign his company into the pending arbitration proceedings. Unfortunately, there was truth in his remarks about his workers being unsatisfied. They were mostly Irish and Americans who had

**THIS** is the ninth of a series of thrilling stories from the life of William Z. Foster. They are taken from his latest book "Pages from a Worker's Life." [International Publishers, New York; \$2.] They will appear daily until the 60th anniversary celebration of the chairman of the Communist Party at Madison Square Garden, Monday.

worked there for long periods, and they were hanging back, waiting to see what the foreign-born and Negroes, who had taken the lead in the organizing campaign, were going to gain from the new organizations. Therefore, it was impossible to strike them, and we had to go to arbitration without Leonard's signature.

When the arbitration award was handed down the workers considered it a real victory, and those who were still unorganized piled into the federated craft unions by thousands in every packing center in the country. Nearly the entire industry became solidly organized, including the workers of the Union Stockyards and Transit Company. So, again I headed a committee to insist that this company accept the Alschuler award for its workers.

This time Leonard sang a different song. He knew his workers were unionized and he started out by "jolly"ing us. "Well," he said, "you boys have done a wonderful job in organizing the national packing industry after the A. F. of L. failed completely for thirteen years. Not a single packer believed it could be done, yet you've done it. But why come to the U.S.T. Co. We aren't part of the packing industry; we're just a

sort of hotel for animals. Besides, our men are well paid and contented."

We told Leonard his men demanded the terms of the Alschuler award, and that if he did not sign they would strike. This got under his hide and he shouted at us: "You can't bluff me! You can't strike my men! Here we have son, father and grandfather working together. We are all one big family. I know every one of my workers personally and they respect me as a friend. You are total strangers and they won't follow you and your hunkies into a strike. They are patriotic American citizens and will never let us up the 'yards' in these war times." A main government slogan was, "Food will win the war," and Leonard did not think we would dare strike the great packing industry.

That night we held a big mass meeting of the U.S.T. Co.'s workers, and I reported Leonard's refusal to sign. No sooner had I finished than a dozen men leaped to their feet and moved for an immediate strike. With a shout the motion was adopted and the strike was on. The workers streamed out of the hall to mass picket, for the night shift was due to go to work.

An hour later the whole stockyard district flared crimson from a great fire. The huge hay barn of the U.S.T. Co.'s largest in the world and containing many hundreds of carloads of hay, went up in smoke. The fire was caused by an accident, seen by several people, so the company, although casting hints, never ventured publicly to blame us.

Powerful effects of the stockhandlers' strike were felt immediately. Practically the U.S.T. Co. wired all over the West to stop shipments of stock and to turn back those already en route. But the stockyards truckage quickly clogged with stock trains; for the packing industry had been working at record speed to meet the insatiable war demands of the United States and its allies. With difficulty the boss stockhandlers and office help watered and fed the stock already in the yards and unloaded a few cars.

Meanwhile, the Chicago packing industry, employing seventy-two thousand workers, began to slow down. The union killing gangs refused to kill scab-delivered stock and already on the first day of the strike department after department of the great packing plants ceased operations for want of slaughtered animals.

The packers were obviously afraid of the national packinghouse strike which was looming. There was a great buzzing about by government people, packers and top A. F. of L. officials, trying to slough off the strike. Jack Johnson, myself and other packinghouse union leaders were hauled to the Department of Justice office and menaced with



WILLIAM Z. FOSTER

prison as saboteurs of the government's war program. The press denounced us as reds who had called the strike for anti-war purposes. The strikers were deluged with an ocean of patriotic propaganda in an effort to stampede them back to work. But they stood their ground and daily the strike became more effective.

On the fourth day the packers, real owners of the U.S.T. Co., gave in. These great open shop overlords of industry had been checkmated by the solidarity and militancy of their workers. So, again, I headed a union committee to meet with Mr. Leonard. This third time we found him more tractable, an industrial autocrat brought to book. It was one of the pleasantest experiences of my life to watch him put his "John Henry" to the Alschuler award. With a pretty dry face, after signing, he turned to me and said, "Well, Foster, I must admit you fellows have taught me a few things about my workers that I never knew before."

[Tomorrow: The first chapter from Foster's "From Bryan to Stalin."] ]

## Chicago Leaders Prepare For Greatest May Day

### Trade Union Heads and Peace Leaders Call City Conference

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, Ill., March 14.—A call to a conference to prepare Chicago's greatest May Day for 1941, "which comes at a time when the American people stand in the gravest danger," was issued today by the May Day Conference Arrangements Committee.

Among the outstanding Chicagoans sponsoring the call are Peter Brown, president of the Brennan Local of the Packinghouse Workers Organizing Committee; Rudolph Martonovic, secretary of the Joint Committee of Czechoslovak Organizations; Harvey O'Connor, author of "Mellon's Millions" and chairman of the Chicago AFM; and Tony Covarro, vice-president, Local 101 of the Farm Equipment Workers Organizing Committee.

"With the passage of the War Powers Bill 1778 we have been brought to the very verge of catastrophe," the call states.

"Every effort of the people to fight in defense of their interests is met with repression. The state legislatures and Congress are flooded with anti-labor bills. Labor's inalienable right, the right to strike, is under attack. The campaign to organize the unorganized is met with fierce resistance.

### CAN DEFEAT ENEMIES

"But the American people, with labor in the vanguard, can yet throw back their enemies."

They can accomplish this, the call points out, by making use of their organizational strength, solidarity and unity to keep the country out of war, by preserving and extending civil liberties, by defending the right to strike, and by maintaining their living standards.

The call predicts that "this May 1 many tens of thousands of Chicagoans will demonstrate in the greatest May Day that Chicago has ever seen since that day of labor and of the people was born in Chicago in 1888."

"We call upon you," concludes the call, "to send representatives from your trade union, your organization, from shops and offices to a Conference to plan the 1941 May Day Celebration and Demonstration."

## Phila. Rally To Protest Segregation

### Meeting Will Denounce Neighborhood Ban Against Negroes

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PHILADELPHIA, March 14.—In protest against a committee of reactionary churchmen who are united in an effort to keep Negro people from moving into or buying property in a section of Philadelphia known as Francisville, a mass meeting will be held this Sunday at 6 P.M.

The meeting, which has the endorsement of the Methodist and Baptist Conferences of Negro ministers, will be held at the McDowell Memorial Church at 21st St. and Columbia Ave.

Sponsors of the meeting charge that the discriminatory tactics resorted to by realtors in preventing the Negro people from buying the Friends Meeting House in order to convert it into a Community House "violate the fundamental teachings of Christianity."

Among the sponsors are: The North Philadelphia Civic League; the Cripps Attacks Post of the American Legion; the Perry Elks Lodge; the National Negro Congress; the Tenants and Homeowners Security League; the International Workers Order, and the Workers Alliance.

Arthur Huff Fauset, principal of the Douglass-Singer School, heads a list of important speakers.

The meeting will plan a campaign for a free public health center, for playgrounds, for better housing and better sewers and garbage disposal in this section.

## C.I.O. Cosmetic Workers Thank Sunday Worker For Story on Drive

The Organizational Committee of the Chemical, Drug and Cosmetic Workers, District 50 of the United Mine Workers, C.I.O., yesterday thanked the SUNDAY WORKER for its "recognition of workers' needs in this (cosmetic) industry."

The resolution passed by the union's committee pointed out that the SUNDAY WORKER was the only local newspaper to co-operate with the union's campaign to establish a 40-cent hourly minimum in the cosmetic industry in this city. The letter expressing the committee's appreciation was signed by Charles Wallant, secretary.

The letter follows in full:

"Editor, Sunday Worker:

"Our union, the Drug, Chemical and Cosmetic Division of the United Mine Workers of America, initiated a campaign for the enactment of a 40-cent an hour minimum in the drug and cosmetic industry."

"In order to publicize this campaign to the people of New York City, which is the heart of the cosmetic industry of the country, our union sent press releases to every newspaper in the city. None but the Sunday Worker printed this information."

"In appreciation of this our organizational committee, made up of rank and file workers in our union, passed a unanimous resolution thanking the Sunday Worker for recognition of workers' needs in this industry."

"Sincerely yours,  
CHARLES WALLANT."

## Mass. Legislature Puts Gag on State Youth Act

### Committee on Education Cuts Hearing Short and Refuses to Hear Speakers Favoring the Measure Despite Protests

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BOSTON, March 14.—A sizeable delegation of Massachusetts' young people received a lesson in the workings of the democracy they are being asked to defend the Committee on Education in the state legislature gagged the hearing on the State Youth Act, harassed witnesses and finally closed the hearing after one hour and 15 minutes, refusing a large number of people the opportunity to speak.

The bill, introduced by the Massachusetts Youth Council, calls for an initial appropriation of \$1,000,000 for work projects for the employment of jobless youth at minimum wages of \$14 weekly and to provide a state loan fund for students. It was referred to by a Democratic Committee member as a "glorified WPA."

The testimony, much of it based on a study by a recess commission of the legislature which has not yet been published, was constantly interrupted by the committee which insisted it understood the problem and wanted the witnesses to confine themselves to the solution. One witness offered to read the bill to the committee.

### WIDE REPRESENTATION

The committee refused to hear the youth bill before discussing other matters in spite of the fact that a consultative vote of the packed hearing room voted in favor of it by at least one-third. The youth stayed through, however, although many older persons could not wait to speak and had merely to record themselves in favor.

Among the groups at the hearing both speaking and recording themselves were ministers from Unitarian, Universalist, Presbyterian and Baptist Churches, youth and adults from the Young Peoples Christian Union, Young Peoples Religious Union, Association of Medical Students, National Negro Congress, NAACP, American Student Union, sections of the Student Christian Movement, the Cambridge Youth Council, neighborhood youth groups, the Shipbuilding Workers, C.I.O., the UERWA and the Massachusetts Youth Council.

The committee adjourned the hearing at 4:05 on eight minutes notice, despite many people not heard and despite protests. Among those who rose to protest the undemocratic, unfair and discourteous conduct of the committee was the representative of the Young Communist League, who, like many

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## Hold Funeral Services for J. B. McNamara Today

### Tom Mooney and Coast Labor Leaders to Serve As Honorary Pall Bearer; Honor Guard of Men Who Knew Martyr Stand at Bier

(Special to the Daily Worker)

SAN FRANCISCO, March 14.—With an honor guard of union men standing at attention around the bier on which lies the body of James B. McNamara, labor martyr who died last Saturday after 30 years in San Quentin prison, the formal funeral ceremonies in his honor began yesterday.

The honor guard yesterday was composed of members of the CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union.

Today from 2 to 6 P. M. and from 8 to 10 P. M. AFL Building and Construction Laborers, Local 261, will take over.

### SERVICES TODAY

Yesterday also the first of the long lines of labor men who knew McNamara began to march past his body in Duggan's Funeral Parlor, 3434 17th St.

Services at the funeral parlor are scheduled for 2 P. M. today with Rev. R. B. Whitaker, long a fighter for civil liberties and for freedom for McNamara, officiating.

After the services in San Francisco, a mass auto procession will follow McNamara's coffin to Mt. Tamalpais Cemetery, San Rafael. Honorary pall bearers announced for the funeral include: George Kidwell, director of the state department of industrial relations.

Louis Goldblatt, California CIO secretary-treasurer.

J. Vernon Burke, president of AFL West Pressmen's Union Local 4.

Wendell Phillips, business agent of San Francisco Bakery Wagon Drivers.

A. F. Gaynor, representative of Railroad Brotherhoods, and president of General Office Lodge 880, Brotherhood of Railway Clerks.

Tom Mooney.

Earl King, Ernest G. Ramsay and Frank Conner, labor prisoners in San Quentin.

### HURRICANE WRECKS SHIP

QUAYAAQUIL, Ecuador, March 14 (UP).—A storm of hurricane intensity at Puerto Libertad last night wrecked the motor schooner Boyaca and a launch which put out to its assistance, a dispatch said today. A passenger aboard the Boyaca was drowned.

## Pittsburgh to Hold 'Free Browder' Rally

### Southside Meeting Called In Heart of Steel Neighborhood

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PITTSBURGH, March 14.—Steel workers will meet here in a Free Earl Browder Rally on Friday evening, March 21.

A meeting sponsored by the South Side Browder Defense Committee, to be held in the heart of that neighborhood whose residents are predominantly workers in the Jones & Laughlin Mills, will hear Henry Forbes and David Miller as principal speakers.

Forbes is executive secretary of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania. Miller is secretary of the Pittsburgh city organization of the Party.

The meeting will be held at Ukranian Hall, 75 So. 18th St., Southside, Pittsburgh.

The decision of the Supreme Court in upholding Browder's sentence has been attacked as a "war decision" by workers' organizations throughout the country, who see a parallel between Browder's imprisonment and the jailing of Eugene V. Debs and C. E. Ruthenberg during the first World War.

"They want to get Earl Browder out of the war because he is a leading anti-war fighter," Miller said in urging all to attend the meeting on the 21st. The meeting will begin at 8 P.M.

## Hospital Union Warns Against 'Understaffing'

### Charges Adoption of Proposed Budget for City Institutions Will Bring Additional Hardship To Employees and Patients

Understaffing in the "increasingly overcrowded" City Hospitals will continue if the budget of \$36,177,016 asked for by Dr. Willard C. Rappleye, Commissioner of Hospitals, is adopted without further increases, the City Hospitals Local 128 of the State, County and Municipal Workers, CIO, charged this week in a detailed statement sent to the Mayor, members of the Board of Estimate and City Council, and to the Hospitals Commissioner.

Hospital Union officials also pointed out that despite the small increases recommended for the lower-paid categories of hospital workers, their salaries would remain "on a par with sweat-shop scales that are all but abolished in private industry in this city."

## Hit ACW Head For Attacking 'Day' Strikers

### Guild Organized Raps Frank Rosenblum for Denouncing Strike

Frank Rosenblum, acting general president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, who joined in attacks against striking workers of The Day, Jewish newspaper, was yesterday denounced by John F. Ryan, general organizer of the Guild, as "engaged in strike-breaking activities."

Rosenblum who at an earlier stage of the strike dissociated himself from the open strikebreaking stand expressed by officials of the New York Joint Board, made his statement on a claim that he was "misquoted" by the Guild on the former occasion.

In reply to these statements, Ryan said:

"There is no 'jurisdictional question' involved in the firing of six Guild members and the cutting of the wages of seven others. The Guild believes this is ample reason for any strike and the only 'mistake' the Guild has made thus far is to have expected for one moment that the Amalgamated leaders would be on the side of the workers."

"Mr. Rosenblum denies he criticized to Guild representatives the statement of his New York Joint Board, which recently condemned the strike. If he insists that he, too, is engaged in strike-breaking activities, there is nothing we can do about it. We do not envy him in his demand for that distinction."

## West Pointers Now to Learn German Language

WASHINGTON, March 14 (UP). Secretary of war Henry L. Stimson said today that the West Point course of study now includes one year of German.

Stimson said 100 cadets would study the German language. In another curriculum change, two years of Spanish is offered instead of one year, and one year of French instead of two.

## Amter Assails LaGuardia Tax Plan As a Raid on the City's Relief Funds

Israel Amter, New York State Chairman of the Communist Party, yesterday condemned the LaGuardia City Tax Plan as a proposal to raid the relief funds of the city and reduce the city tax on financial institutions, business and real estate.

"This financial plan," Amter continued, "dooms the social services of our city. It stamps the Mayor's cry of inadequate taxing power as pure hypocrisy and demagoguery."

At the same time, he offered methods of raising close to 100 million dollars immediately to meet the cost of maintaining these social services. Amter's proposals were contained in a five-point program for taxing business and real estate interests.

"This expense budget affects most intimately every inhabitant of our

city. It includes expenditures for our city's schools, hospitals, libraries, health services, transit and other social welfare needs of the people.

"These services have been crippled by LaGuardia's budgets. Last year, the Mayor cut the very conservative estimates of his own department heads by \$2,000,000. "Amples financial sources exist. The Communist Party and other progressive forces have repeatedly presented specific tax measures to provide for the social needs of the city."

Here Amter listed the five-point tax program which included the elimination of many personal income tax reductions, affecting only the higher brackets, restoration of the personal emergency tax which

affected only married persons with an income over \$3,000 and raising taxes on the banks.

At the same time, the Workers Alliance yesterday assailed approval by the State Legislature of diversion of \$14,000,000 in relief funds by the city as "an outright and brazen steal from the unemployed."

"The unemployed," the Alliance statement declared, "have been made the victims of a political shell-game."

The statement further pointed out the miserable condition of those on relief here and the complete inadequacy of what relief they are now given. The "defense" program, it was pointed out, has made no appreciable dent in the number of jobless and the relief needs remain as high as previously.



**Household Corner**

We received a letter all the way from Chapel Hill, North Carolina the other day that has us all puffed up. It is addressed to the "Household Hints Editor"—which must mean us—and goes like this:

"I would very much like to extend a word of appreciation for your very helpful column in the Daily Worker. I have, of course, read many housekeeping columns and recipe books, but since most of them offer hints which are beyond the reach of the average pocket-book, they are of little or no help."

"It is nothing short of remarkable that along with the splendid work done by the Daily along political lines it finds time to devote attention to the preparation of cheaper cuts of meat, inexpensive care of your hair and skin, etc."

"A. B."

This note of appreciation pleases us, but at the same time, since we are a conscientious Household Corner, it makes us realize certain lacks in our handling of the problems of the woman-behind-the-kitchen-stove. Yes, it's a matter of pride with us to be able to tell readers how to cook the cheaper cuts of meat, but at the same time we feel that nothing's too good for the working class, and a little attention should be paid in the Corner of ways of getting some of the not-so-cheap cuts, too.

We were listening to Miss Asho Ingersoll, chairman of the Milk Consumers' Protective Committee, at a luncheon of the Conference on Legislation for Democracy last week, and some of the things she said struck us right between the eyes:

"Each one of us can demonstrate that consumers are not suckers," she said, by taking organized steps to protect ourselves as consumers.

She mentioned that there's no reason for the rising prices—meat prices especially—but at the same time, "Prices of many consumer commodities have been gradually rising, and the contagion is spreading." She referred to the way the same thing happened in the First World War, in 1917 and 18.

Then Miss Ingersoll said—and she was putting it mildly—"Without widespread popular pressure, there is danger that other interests will outbalance the consumer."

She gave some very helpful hints—not household hints, but even more useful to housewives. She said that all efforts to increase our purchasing power, by which she clearly meant such efforts as union organization for higher wages, for instance, are also efforts to better ourselves as consumers. She said, "Collective bargaining is as necessary in the market place as it is in the workshop." She suggested that not only in consumers' organizations but in all organizations in which consumers take part, we should "constantly assert the consumer point of view in every way possible."

She said we should call for a legislative program including 1) prosecution of the big food trusts (not the trade unions) under the Sherman Anti-Trust Law, 2) passage of measures to stop speculation and hoarding by big food interests, and 3) support for any legitimate device to cut the costs of distribution (She specified she did not mean cuts in workers' wages.)



They call it a dinner gown, and we've eaten dinner in worse. The disks of subtle color on the print dress match the sheer wool jacket which has a tailored look. The background in the print is white, and it's made of silk and rayon mixture.



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### A Crack in The Citadel

The successful one-hour stoppage of 3,000 Ford workers in Detroit is an historic occasion.

With the development of the CIO organizing drive, the Ford workers are becoming conscious of their strength for the first time in the history of the Ford corporation.

No longer are they isolated individuals standing alone before the brute force and great financial power of the Ford Corporation.

The little CIO button has caused a crack at last in this open-shop citadel.

Here is a good sign for the future of the Ford organizing campaign. It should encourage the unions everywhere to renew their support to this crucially important movement now developing in Detroit.

### Foster's Birthday Celebration

From the tremendous enthusiasm already manifested, the 60th birthday celebration of William Z. Foster, in Madison Square Garden Monday evening, will be a most stirring event. Known as "Bill" to millions of workers throughout the country, Foster has won their affection and respect as one of the greatest labor leaders our country has produced.

The celebration is all the more significant because it provides an opportunity to demonstrate against the brutal sentence imposed upon Earl Browder. There could be no greater tribute to Foster than that Monday's meeting should demand freedom for the stalwart fighter for peace and for the common people of the country, whom the Roosevelt Administration has ordered to prison.

The workers—and every friend of labor and of peace—will want to join in making Foster's birthday celebration one of the biggest in New York's history.

### The Acid Test for Good Schools

Hear nothing, see nothing, say nothing—is the motto of the three monkeys. For several weeks the commercial press has tried to adopt the same attitude toward current invasions of academic freedom. But now that undergraduates, teachers and parents are recognizing the grave danger from the Rapp-Coudert Committee, the newspapers have been forced to take notice.

However, this has resulted—as shown by yesterday's editorials in the Herald Tribune and Times—in the press trying to pretend that academic freedom is not involved and that the people have nothing to worry about. Naturally, this deceit is attempted on the day that the Rapp-Coudert witch-hunters resume their star-chamber hearings.

Unrestrained praise is heaped upon Dr. Harry N. Wright, president of City College, by the Times and Tribune for his red-baiting statement in support of the Rapp-Coudert Committee, and for his announcement of a destructive Hitler "purge" on the campus. Even if all the teachers named by the reactionary Mr. Canning were Communists—a fact plainly not true—what does Dr. Wright find wrong? Communists promote "rebellion and dissension," he asserts smearingly, because "they make us of peace issues, of issues of liberalism..."

Any faculty member, therefore, who, as a private citizen and on his private time, takes a stand for peace and liberalism—to the inescapable good of the community—is to be purged, though educational standards are shot in the process. The Times tries to lull public vigilance by calling this a harmless "minor operation," but just how "minor" it is can be seen from the havoc, the hysteria and the fascist campaign already uncorked by Rapp and Coudert. The teachers are singled out for the brunt because they are the first line of defense of academic freedom and the school system.

But where subversion is really going on—for example, at New York University which expelled seven students because they fought for the citizenship rights of Negro students—neither the Times nor the Tribune have a word to comment. Full state aid, less overcrowded classrooms, and higher educational standards—these are the acid test of friends of the school system, but the capitalist press is plumping for the Rapp-Coudert Committee.

### Competitors In Destruction

Cross-raids which the Nazi and British imperialists have visited upon Glasgow and Berlin establish new heights of imperialist civilization "as we know it."

The German command boasts that Glasgow is a "sea of flames"; the Royal generals gloat that they have accomplished unprecedented destruction in Berlin, using new planes of American make, a fact supposed to make the American people proud and bloodthirsty.

That helpless civilians are literally massacred makes no difference to either side. Indeed, human suffering is so great that the newspapers reported yesterday that the German people are "taking more drugs" to ease their terrifying experiences.

To what good is this nightmare of murder? Why must the structures built by the genius of man, over centuries of painstaking efforts, be leveled to the ground? Every bomb is dropped in the name of "democracy" and "defense," but actually it is to determine which shall be the supreme empire of the world, the Bank of England, Wall Street, or the German monopolists. For plutocratic minorities in every capitalist land, the people must die and suffer untold agony instead of having the peace they so much desire. Yes, this is a senseless war for which there is no need.

But all is not blood and suffering. The munitions makers, the manufacturers, the food trusts, are rolling in wealth, and getting richer all the time. Their system of capitalism converts human blood into gold and it works overtime in an imperialist war.

President Roosevelt and Wall Street have already put one foot of the American people into the conflict. But the people can stop them from putting the other foot in; through their relentless struggle, they can compel our complete withdrawal from the war, and they can break the war-alliance with the Empire. This is the imminent task facing the common people of the country, as they revolt at the merciless terror being hurled upon the masses of Europe by both imperialist camps.

### A Grain of Poison

From the sands of Golden Beach, Florida, Mrs. Roosevelt penned her views on labor the other day for her column.

It was one of those sugary columns written with pretended sympathy for the labor movement. But in the midst of the sugar she dropped a grain of poison.

"I do not believe that every man and woman should be forced to join a union," wrote Mrs. Roosevelt. This is trick language. It is the formula whereby the open-shoppers and such hacks as Westbrook Pegler, launch their attacks on the union shop.

In this statement of her "feelings about labor," Mrs. Roosevelt has dropped a hint of the Administration's desire to destroy that vital safeguard of unionism, the union shop, which has been won by various unions and, notably, the United Mine Workers.

### Big Business

The war economy budget just passed by the state legislature was a result of the combined ganging up on the people's welfare by both major parties. The original budget was reduced beneath the pale of public support when Gov. Lehman first introduced it; and the Republican-controlled legislature, taking a cue from the Governor's slashes—particularly on relief—cut it even further.

Big Business and real estate, however, as in all war economy, are given "relief"—meaning more profits. The city business turnover tax, affecting the wealthy corporations, is reduced by \$6,000,000 annually, and the real estate tax by \$3,000,000—a total of \$9,000,000, at a time when profiteering and rents are soaring. Mayor LaGuardia became a party to this reactionary economy, by securing a "gentlemen's agreement" to divert city relief "surplus to other social needs," when he should have been fighting for increased city taxing power to provide more relief, more hospitals, schools and the like.

All of this is perpetrated in the name of "defense." But the reactionary politicians unwittingly revealed the racket and demagoguery of their talk of "defense" when the legislature cut Gov. Lehman's so-called indispensable "defense" items.

Organizable struggle against every manifestation of this war economy program is necessary by labor and consumers. At the same time, the people should now begin to forge the independent political action which can lead to a Farmer-Labor Party for security and peace.



### J. B. --- One of Labor's Finest Sons

In San Rafael, Calif., James B. McNamara will be buried this afternoon. His grave lies within sight of the gray walls of San Quentin Prison, which he entered when a young man 30 years of age.

Thus passes one of labor's finest sons. To the end that the workers might be free, "J. B." devoted the strength and energy of his younger years. Against the might and cruelty of the Steel Trust and its allies, and for the welfare of the workers of California and the nation, he fought courageously. In the thirty years that have elapsed since he first was placed behind prison walls, those workers have stepped forward with a faster tempo. They have learned and gained by the pioneering efforts which J. B. put forth.

For three decades, with incredible hatred, the masters of California and America kept this man in a living tomb. For five of these years they denied him the medical aid which

his serious illness required. Such an experience would have broken the spirit of many a brave man. It would have led to bitterness and personal decay.

Not so with James B. McNamara. His faith in the working class grew with the years. His strength of mind and soul increased. Watching the world from behind his prison bars, and studying as he watched, he grew with the movement and came to realize the futility of individual action. He saw that the victory of the working people will be gained through mass activity, and that the assurance of that victory lies in the leadership of the Communist Party. J. B. lived in his last years—and died—a Communist at heart, looking forward with clear vision to a Socialist America.

Out of his dauntless courage the American workers will gain new strength, as they struggle forward to the day when Socialism will be won.

### The Traitors of Republican Spain Find Their Place in the Camp of Imperialism

By Art Shields

What happened to the traitors who overthrew the Spanish Republic by armed intervention, just two years ago this week, massacred many of the best democratic leaders in Spain, and surrendered the country to Franco without firing a shot?

The answer is found in London and Madrid where the Fifth Columnists leaders are finding refuge with Churchill and Franco.

Let us begin with Colonel Sigmundo Casado, commander of the central armies at Madrid, who led the traitor "Junta" (Council) in the attack that began at midnight, March 5, and continued until March 12.

Casado, we know was backed by the anarchists, the right-wing Socialists and the Trotskyites. All three groups were represented on his Junta.

But who was his main backer? His main backer was the British Military Intelligence service, that helped to incite the uprising, in collusion with the Daladier government and Franco himself, with the friendly attitude of the Roosevelt Administration (a factor of no small importance).

The British government escorted its Fifth Column operative out of Spain two years ago on one of King George's destroyers while a French destroyer begged vainly for the privilege of taking him to France.

#### NOW CHURCHILL STOOGE

The British took him to London, where Casado wrote a poisonous book against the Spanish Republic and where he serves the Churchill government through the Friends of English Democracy, an organization of Spanish traitors like himself.

"Democracy"! That word is weird on the lips of Casado. This writer was in Madrid, March 6, 1939, when Casado opened the gates of the great brick prison on Porlier street, where 500 Spanish fascists were confined.

Casado freed these 500 male fascists the day after his midnight putsch.

The same day he released 200 women fascists from a mother prison.

Casado and Franco worked hand in hand throughout the conspiracy. Franco saved the British imperialist stooge from defeat at the hands of the Spanish people in the week of fighting that followed the mid-night uprising. The popular forces, led by Communists, in two days had recaptured most of the government buildings that Casado had seized.

Victory was almost in their grasp Tuesday afternoon, March 7, when Franco attacked on the Casa de Campo front.

#### MERA'S NEST

Communists rushed to the front and threw Franco for a loss. But meanwhile Fifth Columnists swarmed into Madrid from Guadalupe, the forces of the anarchist commander, Colonel Mera, a member of Casado's "Junta," who also found haven in London.

Several days later Casado was shooting anti-fascist prisoners wholesale, and even shooting pro-government journalists from other countries. This writer, for instance, would have met the same fate, if he had not tricked two prison guards and escaped.

More than 1,500 were thus slaughtered by the Spanish Fifth Columnists before they turned the country over to the arch butcher Franco.

Both the British officers and the Francoists conspired to help Casado to safety after the putsch. The Francoists were offering to send Casado milk and other special foods for his stomach ulcers while he waited at the docks at Gandia near Valencia for the British destroyer.

#### NOW "MONARCHIST"

Colonel Mera and the anarchist Junta leader Val and Garcia Pradas, the Trotskyite and the Socialist Wendesino Carrillo, both

Junta leaders, also found refuge in the arms of Great Britain.

These traitors are working for Churchill's empire today, and all are attacking the progressive Spanish exiles. Pradas wrote a book supporting the putschists and denouncing the Spanish Republican government and the Communists.

The Castilian program for Spain today is a Spanish monarchy that would line up with Britain.

That is also the program of Prieto, the right wing Socialist exile in Mexico.

All the Spanish traitors did not escape from the Iberian peninsula, however. What happened to the rest?

The Socialist Julian Besteiro, second in command in the Junta, stayed in Madrid where he "gallantly organized the surrender" to Franco, said the London Times, a British government spokesman.

At the trial that followed Besteiro said that he had always been more anti-Communist, and anti-Soviet than anti-fascist. This wretched traitor had been conspiring with British agents ever since the Spanish Republican government sent him to London on some business in 1937.

Franco sent him to prison as a gesture to his fascist Falangist supporters. He died recently. Besteiro joined the Catholic church in prison.

Meicho Rodriguez, chief of the prisons in Madrid, an anarchist member of the Junta, was the first man to raise the Falangist flag over the Municipal Council Building, when Franco entered Madrid.

At his trial a host of his former prisoners begged clemency for him, in gratitude for his softness to them in prison. The intercession of these fascists reduced his sentence to 12 years and he has since been set free to work as a fascist instructor in the Falange organizations.

Thus fare the traitors—so far. But their day of reckoning is coming from the masses they betrayed to the enemies of democracy.

by Gropper

## Point of Order

By ALAN MAX

### READERS' DAY

IT AIN'T NECESSARILY SO  
 (To the tune of "It Ain't Necessarily So.")

Oh, Wall Street is dripping with tears; Oh, Wall Street is bending our ears—  
 But what's this democracy that they're all saving if They're saving it every ten years?

CHORUS:

It ain't necessarily so—it ain't necessarily so.  
 The things that they say to ya over the radio.  
 Ain't necessarily so.

The Cromwells and duPonts, they said: "We need war to butter our bread—  
 New markets and profits and bombings, we need them."  
 We need them like a hole in the head.

It ain't necessarily so, etc.

Oh, King George, the great emperor—of India, England and more—

Of (Australia, Madagascar, New Zealand, Palestine, Sudan, South Africa, Canada, Bermuda, Bahamas and Suez)—well George says  
 This ain't no imperialist war.

It ain't necessarily so, etc.

The stock market's whirling around, the stock market's whirling around  
 But that Tel and Tel can drop down low as hell  
 Long as we stay above the ground.

It ain't necessarily so, etc.

They tell us we've got to take cuts; they tell us we've got to take cuts—  
 But even a genius like Mister Stettinius  
 And Knudsen will learn we're not nuts.

ROSLYN HARVEY.

Here is the telegram which the President sent to the Morgans, Rockefellers and duPonts: "Gentlemen, since there is an emergency requiring national defense, you are hereby informed that you will not be permitted to hold up defense orders by making profits. From now on you will have to sacrifice your profits for the sake of the common emergency. Furthermore, since the people have to do the working and fighting, you are hereby informed that you must turn over to your workers 50 per cent increases in wages so that they will be well fed. Signed."

I believe it was at this point that I woke up.  
 M. H.

### ON THE PASSAGE OF H. R. 1776

The truth was taken to the railroad station and order to leave town at once.  
 Some of it stayed behind  
 Some is in New York  
 Some is in the West  
 Some is in the South

But immediately and loudly was said:  
 "DEFENSE CAN PROCEED"—a profiteer  
 "DEMOCRACY STRIKES BACK"—an open-shopper

"THE NATION SPEAKS"—a banker  
 And the radio said the Senate took things easy:  
 Last day of debate, know what I mean?

Decisions before  
 Decisions after  
 Not much time  
 Just a little laughter.

But what was that address? Sure I know, we're supposed to go  
 two blocks right  
 three blocks over  
 on the second floor  
 in the big door  
 marked war.

W. H.

### BLAME

Did you find you had to walk?  
 Why did Hertz and Ritchie balk?  
 Don't believe their lying talk—  
 Blame the Bus Company Bosses!

P. K.

## Letters From Our Readers

'Here We Have It!'

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

This time it was a military band and a loud bugler of Wall Street playing some wicked war music that got a well-earned wallop from our own dear Mike Gold. "Henry P. Luce, that millionaire's pup, wrote Mike in this characteristic way," in a dozen heavy pages of his Life Magazine sounded a bugle note for the campaign (fascism).

What struck me as a most significant quotation of Luce is "This is the American century. And the American system is based on private property." So here we have it. The purpose of the defense program began to dawn upon me. "Make the world safe for America!" is the slogan of the day. Then there will be no one left to attack us. But who will do the fighting? Wall Street capitalists are willing to fight to the last American worker. No longer satisfied to have the working class slave for them, they want the American people to die for them.

M. W.

### Absurdity

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The idea of revolution has begun to seep into the consciousness of the masses everywhere. Of particular interest is the tribute paid to this growing sentiment by certain sections of England's labor "leaders" and "liberal" intellectual writers.

Laski calls loudly for "revolution by consent" of those who are to give up everything, voluntarily, so that the revolution will take place. The labor "leaders" are equally emphatic about the masses making further sacrifices.

In the meantime freedom of the press, assembly and the right to strike are removed by these "revolutionary" leaders.

I suppose after the war, at a given moment, all liberties will automatically be restored and at a designated moment the fife will play, the drums will beat, the people will march and revolution by consent will cheerfully and gratefully be bestowed on a gala, festive people with everybody joining in a grand round of street dancing.

The absurdity of this conception should be obvious to anyone giving it a moment's thought.

G. G.



## CHANGE THE WORLD

Two Hollywood Film Hits  
Shrink by Comparison With  
Soviet 'University of Life'

By MIKE GOLD

LET me confess I am not a regular theatre-goer or movie fan, but rather a periodical imbibor at the colorful fountains of Thespis. For the past week or so I have been on a theatre spree, and have seen three moving pictures and two stage productions.

Of the latest vehicle of the Marx Brothers, "Go West," it is my painful duty to submit a confidential report to the effect that, it stinks. The Marx Brothers know all the tricks of comedy. But their hearts are not in acting any longer. They are Hollywood businessmen obviously, and all through this picture, as they pursue their familiar and stale routine you can see that far-away look in their eyes. They are worrying about their large real estate holdings, I imagine, and their income taxes, and gambling losses, and the like. The Marx Brothers really should not keep up this pretense of being actors any longer, but open an office, and frankly take the public in other ways. This picture, as a comedy, is a rank fraud, about as funny as an income tax report. There ought to be a law protecting the audience against such pictures, and refunding their admission plus payment for the time wasted by the fakery who took one's cash on promise of a laugh or two.

I know I sound harsh but there is a worse feeling of being cheated than the one that comes as you leave a picture palace with the bad taste of a stupid movie in your mouth? And so many of them are bad, really bad. The movies have had flashes of greatness in the past five years. But the general level is still as mediocre as the writing in a pulp magazine. Every year the American public is ripped of millions of dollars by the greedy, semi-literate Wall Street gang and their stooge executives in Hollywood who have a monopoly in this field.

The great people's art of our time is still the prostituted prisoner of King Dollar.

"Bringing Up Baby," with Katherine Hepburn and Cary Grant is a three-year old picture that I saw in a revival at the Apollo Theatre on West 42nd Street. This showpiece is to my mind one of the most worth-while and interesting in New York, with its programs of the best foreign and American pictures that have any permanent value. Shakespeare goes on being played every season after three hundred years and other dramatists like Ibsen, Shaw and Chekhov are constantly being revived or played in repertory. But the movie monopolists never had much sympathy for the "art" of their medium, and after squeezing every dollar out of a good movie, they simply threw it in the ashcan. A movie lover had no way of ever seeing a favorite film again until some of these movie repertory houses sprang up. Throughout America, there are no more than you count on your two hands, I believe, but the tendency is a growing one. It will grow with the ever-widening taste and dignity of the American movie audience. Significantly enough, the movie monopolists have nothing to do with this tendency toward repertory theatres. They are out for the big money, not for a big and permanent art.

"Bringing Up Baby" doesn't stand revival in such a theatre, I believe, for it is very thin and commercial. It starts out to be a farce based on a genuine character conflict, but very soon trails off into a succession of corny and mechanical gags. The gag and the gag-line are the great enemies of American comedy. The business men of Broadway and Hollywood have no literary sense, and think in figures. If one gag makes an audience laugh, they believe, then let us have five, ten or a hundred gags, and they will laugh a hundred times as much, and the play or picture will be a success.

The third movie I saw was the Soviet dramatization of Maxim Gorky's autobiographical volume, "My Universities." It is a sincere and beautiful portrait of the young proletarians who became one of the world's great writers.

Gorky's youth was passed in the depths of the people's misery under the Czar, a condition well symbolized by the foul cellar bakery shown in the film.

Here the workers, haggard, hungry and ill, not only labor and eat, but sleep as well.

The youthful Gorky tries to inspire them to some affirmation of their humanity. They fail him when their brutal but shrewd master dubs their revolt by filling them with free vodka. The despair of it all, and his disillusionment with the people, drives the youthful poet to a suicide attempt.

But the workers reveal their deepest hearts to him under the touch of this calamity. They restore his faith. This is the great lesson of the picture. It is not a forced thesis, but as real as today's bus strike.

Good, bad or indifferent, every Soviet picture is sure to contain a flash of truth that gives it significance. Each is another episode in the great story of our time—the rise of the people's consciousness and human dignity. The American film-makers cannot make pictures as good as the Soviet films, not because there aren't as good brains in Hollywood, or money, or technique, or machines. No, it is only because Hollywood pictures are made without faith.

Metropolitan Opera in  
'Carmen,' WJZ at 2 P.M.

Mahler Symphony No. 2 in C Minor heard over WQXR at 1:30...  
Brahms Piano Concerto No. 2 heard on the Midday Symphony over WNYC at noon... Golden Gate Quartet over WABC at 10:30 P.M.  
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12:00-WEAF-Eastman School of Music  
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12:00-WABC-Country Journal  
12:00-WNYC-Midday Symphony, Brahms Piano Concerto No. 2  
12:00-WQXR-A.P. News  
12:15-WMCA-News  
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12:30-WMCA-Midday Melodies  
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12:30-WQXR-Lunchtime Concert  
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12:45-WABC-Talk, Knudsen, Hulman  
1:00-WEAF-Matinee in Rhythm  
1:00-WABC-Let's Pretend, Children's Stories  
1:00-WNYC-Piano Quartet  
1:15-WEAF-Hollywood News  
1:20-WMCA-Guy Lombardo  
1:20-WEAF-Sing Ensemble  
1:20-WJZ-Lunchtime at the Waldorf  
1:20-WABC-Quiz Program  
1:20-WQXR-Children's Corner  
1:30-WQXR-Saturday Symphony  
1:45-WMCA-News  
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1:45-WNYC-News  
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2:00-WEAF-Readin', Rightin' and 30 Film  
2:00-WABC-Library of Congress Concert, Brahms Trio in B Major  
2:00-WQXR-Memories of a Concertmaster  
2:15-WMCA-Nita Carol, Songs  
2:30-WMCA-News  
2:30-WNYC-NTA Program "Talk of a City"  
2:30-WQXR-A.P. News  
2:45-WNYC-News  
2:45-WEAF-Patrick's Day Luncheon, Mickey Rooney, Guest  
2:45-WABC-Gene Krupa, Variet  
2:45-WQXR-Hour of Symphonic Music  
3:00-WMCA-News  
3:00-WABC-News  
3:00-WQXR-The World is Yours, "20 Years of Chemistry"  
3:00-WNYC-Pages of Melody  
3:00-WQXR-Sentimental Music  
3:15-WMCA-John Griffin, Songs  
3:15-WABC-Four Children, Songs

Dean Shows Socialism as Man's  
Greatest Triumph, Readers Say

'Soviet Power'  
Smiles All Deceit  
About U.S.S.R.

The Daily Worker publishes today additional letters from readers in connection with the prize contest on the Dean of Canterbury's "The Soviet Power." The contest closes today. Winners will be announced next on this page—Editor's note.

'Farmers Like  
Soviet Power'

William Z. Foster, New York City  
Dear Comrade Foster:

I have been reading the letters about the "Soviet Power" appearing in the Daily Worker with a great deal of interest and I want to say that this is the most wonderful book that I have read since the "History of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union." I have three copies of the Dean's book and they are being read by the farmers of this community. I live in a farm district and these farmers take to "The Soviet Power" like a duck to water. Conditions out here on the farms are growing steadily worse and the farmers are looking for a way out and of course the Dean's book shows them that the Soviet people have found a solution to their farm problem. The small farm is doomed under the present capitalist system and the farmers can understand why this is true and the Dean's book shows them the only solution possible and I am positive that as a result of this book we will get a great deal more support for our Party from the farmers than we have ever had before.

Comradely

'A Great Victory  
For Progress'

Brooklyn, N. Y.  
I am more than ever convinced since reading the "Soviet Power" by Howard Johnson, that the Bolshevik Revolution is the greatest achievement of mankind in the history of the human race.

The Dean of Canterbury, with his scientific training, has driven to cover every anti-Soviet calumny and fifth-columnist-purveyor of perversion of the haze-mongering capitalist press.

The publication of this "book of the century," is a smashing victory by the forces of progress over the present day mediocrities. It should be immediately translated into every human language; and its glorious truths broadcast to the far corners of the earth in order to prove to mankind how beautiful and good life could be on this planet as exemplified by the marvelous accomplishments of the Socialist State of the World, which has forever been removed from under the iron heel of capitalist exploitation and imperialist wars.

H. ZUCKERMAN

'Smiles Deceit  
About Soviet Union'

Well, here it is almost a year with no mail crossing the country between us. But just this week came the flu to break the spell: a week in bed to read and remember.

This week I read the book the whole country will be reading as soon as we get the news around: "Soviet Power," by the gentle Dean of Canterbury—a new set of Canterbury Tales, with truth in every chapter. How strong the truth is when it's in the possession of an honest man when if he doesn't see the whole of it, the Dean smiles with one good knee all the cackling and deen written about the Soviet Union by that crew of huns that capitalism keeps in its backyard. But these cowards of the future must remember themselves today because tomorrow belongs to the people.

All the time you read the book, Socialism keeps "belling down" till

## New Star



Conrad Thibault is the new baritone soloist of "Himmlische Meeres-Georgien" broadcast on Sunday evenings over WEAF. Lucy Monroe, soprano, is the co-star.



Children in the Soviet Union "where the birthrate is not falling" are regarded as the most precious property of the entire country. Above, children drive their own street-car in one of Moscow's many parks devoted solely for their amusement.

you feel—jimmies! here it is in the palm of your hand to see in terms of every familiar and dear desire. To be warm—to have work—to have good teeth—to play music—to read a paper with no news of suicides—to sit on a park bench without seeing a prostitute—to ride in the subway without having to look into the eyes of a Negro mother who doesn't see her kids from morn to night—to be at peace.

And that's what the Dean shows in the book. All these "little" things guaranteed by a gigantic, united, national solidarity for the people. But as you read about their

lives—the life of the women, the great warmth of many nations living as brothers—your brain gets more and more stubborn and you keep thinking of people you know.

Big Jim, for instance. Remember that ride last summer? His face as he passed the old worked-out mines? His voice as he said, "Look at her! Her insides torn out, the land all ugly and open. We'll never work her again!" What "Soviet Power" would mean to Jim! And Sally. Riding 31 miles in a cramped school bus to hear Mother Bloor talk and "see the future in her eyes." Plotting and planning weeks ahead so that Ed could have

'Five Alarm Waltz' as  
Senseless as Its Title

FIVE ALARM WALTZ by Lucille S. Prumba. Directed by Robert Lewis, setting by Robert Lewis, costumes designed by Helen Pons. Presented by Everett Mills at the Playhouse.

By Ralph Warner

When "Five Alarm Waltz" went into a rehearsal a few weeks ago, the rumor was spread that no such person as its author, Lucille S. Prumba, existed, and that she was certainly William Saroyan. But Miss Prumba is a real person and her play, which satirizes Saroyan is not a Saroyan jest

but a Prumba. The young dramatist is, however, a slavish follower of the master of non sequiturs. She has created a comedy which goes in all directions at once and all the time. Not only does its title make no sense, but at frequent intervals the lines and action slants off into surrealist space. Which is pretty hard on players, especially those with simple and innocent minds.

Adam Bogoris is a Bulgarian born in Paterson, N. J., who marries a wealthy and successful young playwright, Brooke March. They live in a Sutton Place penthouse. She induces him to write a play, and he does so. It is a success.

This in short is the plotless plot. Bewildering dialogue in the Saroyan manner splatters itself about the one-set premises. Bogoris strips, eats hamburgers with onions, acquires a fat and feminine male butler, picks a strange woman who advertises baby carriages on 42nd St., and sits like Buddha on end tables and haunts boys.

Brooke looks exactly like Katharine Hepburn, stalks about begging for a bit of love, threatens to have an extra-curricular affair with a handsome movie actor. In and out of the play wander a Broadway theatrical producer and a Russian costume designer of female persuasion. Among other things you will discover a popular song plugger of the subway "100 songs for a nickel" variety; and a Chinese boy age five. Neither have anything conceivable to do with plot or play.

Some Plausible  
Acting

The result would have been ghastly except for the frequent flashes of wit embedded in Miss Prumba's lines. And also if the cast did not include some fine and sensitive actors. Ella Kazan plays the replica of Mr. Saroyan and really makes the man seem possible. He is ingratiatingly foolish and manages to pull several scenes together by sheer skill. Roman Bohren creates a plausible and realistic producer, one of those canny middle aged impresarios with ulcers of the stomach, well known to the

Shows Strength of  
Truth in Hands  
Of Honest Author

pants without holes for graduation and Tommy and Jimmy oranges for Thanksgiving.

Then there's Mat. You don't know her. A grandmother already, working in a laundry with domestic work "on the side" to keep about three distinct families alive—daughters, mother, sister, grandchildren. I don't want to remember her voice when she said, "Come for Christmas dinner." Then, with a half-smile, "You'll see what colored folks eat on holidays!"

Or even my grandmother. I never paid much attention but now I can remember: A little old Jewish woman, sitting on a laundry basket near the window, where the light was good, her life already behind her, and with one glass eye and one "good" one, pouring over the pictures of "USSR in Construction" till the tears ran down her old dress.

Do you remember the stories the men in Terre Haute used to tell us? The one I liked the most was the one about Debs. Remember? He was being taken into prison by a guard who taunted him saying, "Well, now where are all your friends? We're alone and I'm taking you to a dark cell and a cold night." And Debs said, "Yes, here it is dark and we're alone—but I look to the East and behold! there is a great light. It shines over the earth. It creeps into my cell. It brings hope to the darkest corners of the world. It's Socialism!"

Well, Boney, I must close. Be sure you read "Soviet Power"—and sell it up and down that flat hunk of land we both love so much.

—V.

'Cheer for  
Miss Bishop'  
At Radio City

CHEER FOR MISS BISHOP, screen adaptation by Stephen Vincent Benet, directed by Tay Garnett. A United Artists release. At the Radio City Music Hall.

By Milton Meltzer

"Goodbye, Mr. Chips" was a good thing at the box office so some producer took the pants off Mr. Chips, put petticoats on him and renamed him Miss Bishop: "Tender and touching" is what the blurbsters call this thing. I call it dull and drivelling. Soaked in a synthetic nostalgia for an America of the past, it narrows memory to the bare of a bra of that time—the ruffles, the bicycles, the horseless carriages, the picture hats, the parlor manners. Comb the picture through and you will not find a real thing, a live person in it.

Their Miss Chips graduates from Midwestern College in the Eighties and takes to teaching freshman English. There are hints of the need for great teachers and the joy of the job just talk. The college is simply a colorful backdrop against which Miss Chips' two big romances are frustrated. For fifty years she unrolls herself, adding wrinkles and white hair to her makeup, patting freshmen on the head, handing out banalities to her relatives, and always putting off that impatient childhood sweetheart & hers. At least they wear an honorary ribbon around her and put her on the shelf. Tears for Miss Bishop.

Even the old rah-rah college movies were not so bad as this. They had a laugh or a song or the movement of a football game in them. This has only sniffles for the little old woman who bears up so nobly under the weight of all that makeup.

## 'The Thirteen'



A scene from one of the finest of Soviet films "The Thirteen" now playing at the Irving Place Theatre together with the French film "The End of a Day" and Charlie Chaplin in "The Bank."

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MEET JOHN DOE, a Frank Capra production. Featuring Gary Cooper, Barbara Stanwyck, Edward Arnold. At the Rivoli and Hollywood Theatres.

By David Platt

Frank Capra is one of the screen's finest craftsmen. He is that rarity: a good movie director with a social conscience. His films are usually packed with under-dog characters. Mr. Deeds and Mr. Smith are household names better loved than most congressmen. Capra is one of the best story-tellers in film. If his stories are sentimental and idealistic they are nevertheless human and full of situations common to the average man. His theme is the struggle of the down-trodden versus the well-fed. He does not follow through all the time but the poor man invariably lands on top in a Capra picture.

We went to see "Mr. John Doe" with visions of another outstanding progressive film. John Doe means something to the working people of this country and we expected something unusual from Capra. We were disappointed. It is inferior to both "Mr. Deeds Goes to Town" and "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington." It lacks the vital punch. Lines and situations appear to have been softened so as not to hurt anybody.

Has Promising  
Beginning  
"Meet John Doe" deals with the rise of a people's movement. It is a promising beginning. A fascist newspaper publisher starts a house-cleaning. Forty workers are fired at one shot by one of his associates. Among them, Barbara Stanwyck, a columnist. Angered at her sudden dismissal she sits down and writes a letter to the editor from a man who says he is sick and tired of being kicked around and is going to jump off the roof of a skyscraper on Christmas eve. She signs the letter John Doe. It is published in the paper. It creates a sensation. All America—rich and poor alike—takes up John Doe as its own. The newspaper finds a real John Doe to make it legal. The paper's circulation skyrockets into six figures. John Doe clubs spring up all over the country. A people's movement is born. What is its program? And here's the rub. It is love thy neighbor and stay out of politics. It is the sort of thing Frank Buchman, the moral rearmament king, has preached for years. The rich have found it profitable.

This love-thy-neighbor movement is sponsored by the fascist publisher who finds no trouble at all in lining up on such a program. Edward Arnold portrays this sinister individual who is using John Doe as a figure-head around whom he hopes to build a third-party movement that will elect him to the White House and empower him to put some iron discipline into the people.

It is true that "Meet John Doe" has elements of stirring social drama—people in motion as result of frustration of one sort or another—people in motion against the threat of fascism. A dynamic film could have been made out of this material. Capra's treatment, however, is shallow and harmful. Pure love is his way out. The John Doe clubs believe in kindness and gentleness to all, including the plunderers of the social domain. Every one—worker and boss—is eligible. My quarrel with "Meet John Doe" is that it has very little relation to the cold realities of 1941 with an imperialist-minded administration at the helm veiling little relation to a genuine people's movement that springs from the roots—from the farms and factories. The people's movement in Capra's film is too personalized. John Doe is the whole works with the fascist pulling the

Capra  
Pulls Punches

"Meet John Doe" is simply a mass of confusions and evasions—a befuddled Saroyan pipe-dream about Democracy. True, the film pays lip-service to Democracy but no more. Here is an example of what I mean. At the beginning of the picture, a big-shot tough-guy associate of the fascist publisher practically ruins the lives of 40 people by removing them from the payroll because they haven't got the spark that builds circulation. Later on this same bird is used to draw tears in defense of the democratic way as opposed to the fascist method. He makes a pretty speech over a bottle of whisky in an effort to make up for his earlier crimes.

This is the way I see "Meet John Doe." Capra, an outstanding craftsman, who is a political babe-in-the-woods, has reduced a big social theme to the level of a Saturday Evening Post fairy tale about the downtrodden.

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# PERSONAL

## But Not Private

By DAVE FARRELL

### More on the Rookie Situation from Dave

#### The White Sox:

While Dykes has lots of rookies in camp, there's only one I'd bet on to win a spot, George "Skeets" Dickey, like his Yankee brother, a catcher. "Skeets" has been around a lot for his 26 years. He did a season with Portland in the PCL, showed plenty of class as a receiver and a wonderful arm. But at the plate two bases on balls was his batting streak. Headed for oblivion he had the luck to play for Roberts Hornsby at Oklahoma City in the Texas League. The Rajah is one of the few people who can teach hitting and can correct batting faults. He is as good at it as Lefty O'Doul. He made a .315 hitter out of the Junior Dickey, which insures him being kept with the Sox.

#### The Indians:

Of all Peckinpah's collection of tusks, there's only one standout. And that's Murray Howell; who led the International League in batting with .362. Howell has played a lot of baseball, having done a short hitch in the PCL with the Angels, where he was a grave disappointment. A lot of players can't get started in one league but will go like blazes in another. He's no shakes as a fielder and if retained it will probably be as a pinch hitter.

#### The Tigers:

Del-Baker will probably stand pat on last year's pennant winners if Greenberg gets by the draft. However, there's a kid pitcher that he's had all of us more than slightly interested, the not quite 22-year-old Virgil Trucks. This lad is supposed to be as fast as Bob Feller. If there is an immediate future in baseball, Trucks certainly has one. If not this year then certainly next. But the Tigers are certainly sweet on him.

#### The Athletics:

There are only two real bits of worth while ivory here and curiously enough both are after the same job, third base. Both Pete Suder up from Binghamton in the Eastern League and Bob Kahle from Hollywood want that berth. I've only seen Suder once, but he looked impressive. Kahle was the most valuable player on the Stars and is really classy. He reminds me a lot of Merrill May, except that he's faster. If he's not retained it will be because he will cost Connie Mack a pretty penny to keep him. He's up on a "look-see" deal.

#### The Browns:

Fred Haney has three classy bits of ivory in pitcher Bob Muncrief, outfielder Bobby Estalella and second sacker Johnny Lucadello. Muncrief had a trial with Hollywood two years ago and showed everything but control, which he apparently found in the Texas League. At San Antonio he won 22 against 9 losses. While at Hollywood he once struck out 7 consecutive batters and then blew up, walking the next five. Estalella started as a pitcher but found himself after being released by the Senators when in the American Association he burned up the league with a mark of .341. Lucadello, recalled from Toledo, has long been touted as a whole of an infielder. It can hit American League pitching he is going to give great fielding ex-Yankee Don Heffner a chance to ride the bench.


#### Sam Chapman Socking

ANAHEIM, Calif., March 14 (UP).—Unofficial batting averages at the Philadelphia Athletics' training base today showed that Sammy Chapman was leading the pack with a healthy .454 average in 22 times at bat. Yesterday's scheduled tilt with the Pirates was rained out.

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## DAILY WORKER

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## 2 Yankee Rookie Hurlers Blank Reds With 2 Hits

**Boroway, Washburn, Stanceau Perk Up Pitching Prospects and Flag Hopes with Magnificent Exhibition**

Exhibition games don't usually mean too much, but the Yankees' 2-0 victory over the Reds yesterday gave their pennant hopes a shot in the arm because the lads who hurled the two hit shutout over the champs were three of the rookie hurlers counted on to take up the slack in the McCarthyen hurling caused last year by the slipping of veterans Ruffing, Gomez and Pearson.

The three who handcuffed the Reds yesterday were Hank Boroway and George Washburn, chief hopefuls from Newark, and Charley Stanceau, rated best of the fine Kansas City crop. Boroway's showing was particularly impressive. He was a wonder boy as a Fordham pitcher and made the jump from the campus right to the International League.

If Rizzuto is exempted from the draft, and with Gordon taking over first magnificently, good results from the young pitchers, plus Rolfe's comeback, makes it look as though the Indians and Tigers may have to resign themselves to the status of chasing the Yanks again. Looks like there was just too much material down there on the farms to allow for more than a one year lapse of the World Series in the Stadium.

## GIANTS

### Bonham to Johns-Hopkins, Rizzuto To Get Physical

An older and a youngster made the Giant pitching situation cheer up for Bill Terry this week. Bump Hadley is the veteran. The Yankee castoff's roundhouse curve looks good for some effective relief work in the National League.

Young Ace Adams, strikeout king from Nashville, has shown enough to insure him seeing at least the beginning of the season. He has speed and stuff to burn though he's not experienced enough to know what to do with it all yet.

Not such good news is obtainable from Castlemann and Wittig, who were thumped roundly by the Phils yesterday.

## WHAT'S ON

RATES: What's On notices for the Daily and Sunday Worker are 50c per line (5 words to a line—3 lines minimum). DEADLINE: Daily at 11 Noon. For Sunday, 9 P.M. Friday.

**Tonight**  
ANNUAL SPRING DANCE of the Workers School to be held Saturday evening, March 15th, at Irving Plaza, 15th St. and Irving Place. Music by Doc Snyder's Swingers, 40c admission, 50c at door. AMERICAN YOUTH THEATRE offers "The Informer," new musical review of songs, skits and sketches, plus folk and ballroom dancing. Main Studio, 133 W. 44th St. Sub. 50c. 9:30 P.M.

**INTERNATIONAL DANCE FESTIVAL**  
Philip Morris Organ Orchestra, Tanya Solova Dance Group, Campfire Club Chorus, American and foreign dances. Assessment, including checking, 50c. Post Center, 230 7th Ave. (23rd St.) 8:00 P.M.

**SURPRISE PARTY at Youth Workshop**  
Chorus will sing new anti-war songs. Folk dancing, 4 W. 18th St.

**REAL BARN DANCE**  
No hay, but plenty of square dances, reels and longways. American and European folk dances taught to everyone at the American Folk Group's Barn Dance. Studio 61, Carnegie Hall, 124 W. 57th St. 8:30 P.M. Sub. 40c and no extra.

**MEET THE OLD BUNCH** at Gala Dancers Party. Entertainment, folk dancing and refreshments. 161 W. 22nd St. Studio, 8:30 P.M.

**THE INC.** A new drama group presents an evening of entertainment and dancing. Refreshments. Adm. 25c. 8:30 P.M.

**Dance Tonight & Sunday at 8:30 P.M.**  
**RUSS ANDRE**  
Direct from Flotska Orchestra. Suave Swing Orchestra. Great Northern Hotel. 118 W. 57th St. (Opp. Steinway Hall) Youth House presents "Lady of Killarney" Sub. 50c.

## LITTLE LEFTY

FLYING TO THEIR FIRST ASSIGNMENT IN THE BIG GOVERNMENT PLANE ARE MARMADUKE IN HIS FIRST ALIGHT AS A G-MAN AND HIS TWO YOUTHOUL ASSISTANTS. THEY DISCUSS THE MARVELS—

—OF MODERN AIR TRANSPORTATION.

IT FLABBERGASTS YOU TO THINK THAT FIRST THERE WAS ONLY THE OX-CART!

## THE NEGRO IN AMERICAN LIFE

Repeat Performance in Harlem  
**Paul Robeson**  
IN PERSON  
As Guest Artist in Pageant-Play  
**"THE NEGRO IN AMERICAN LIFE"**  
SUNDAY AFTERNOON  
MARCH 30th, 2:30 P. M.  
**GOLDEN GATE BALLROOM**  
140th St. & LENOX AVE.

—TICKETS—  
General Admission—40 Cents  
Reserved Section—75c — \$1.10  
(tax included)

**HARLEM TICKET OFFICES**  
Lynbrook Secretarial Bureau—2280 7th Ave.  
Nat'l Negro Congress—200 W. 135th St., Rm. 912  
**DOWNTOWN TICKET OFFICES**  
Workers Bookshop—40 E. 13th St.  
Ausp. N. Y. City Comm. I.W.O.—and Negro Congress — Manhattan Council.

## TUAA Denounce NYU Action, May Boycott Its Activities

Calling the action of the NYU administration in Jim Crowing its Negro track men "a disgraceful violation of elementary, democratic rights and sportsmanship," the executive council of the TUAA yesterday unanimously adopted a resolution urging an end to NYU's discrimination and the reinstatement of the seven students suspended for fighting Jim Crow. Copies were sent to Dean McCann and Athletic Director Badger.

"In the event these students are not immediately reinstated," the resolution said, "the membership of the Trade Union Athletic Association will boycott all future NYU activities."

## Harmon Goes Pro —In Hollywood

Hollywood is calling, and Tommy Harmon, Michigan's All-American halfback, says "yes"—for a \$13,500 contract, and an option for his services for which he will get \$17,500.

Harmon will be in New York today to sign a contract for a starring role in a motion picture.

He said he expected Bing Crosby to be present when the agreement is signed. He will sign with Crosby's agency.

## OFF THE BACKBOARD: CCNY, LIU Work for Tourney Openers

**Beavers See Movies of NYU Mistakes, Virginia Style of Play—Beemen Work on Westminster Zone**

CCNY and LIU, the two local entries in the National Invitation tourney that starts Tuesday night at the Garden, have already launched intensive practice sessions based on the playing styles of Virginia and Westminster, first round opponents.

Nat Holman has his City College boys working right through the weekend so as not to lose the fine edge with which they finished out the season. Movies of the CCNY-NYU games are being shown to the squad every day, so that the individual and team errors made can be eliminated against Virginia, conqueror of Tennessee, Southeastern champs, and St. Joseph's, Philadelphia champs. Another reel the CCNY boys are studying is one of Wisconsin U's team in action. Virginia Coach Tebell, formerly of Wisconsin, uses the Badger style of play.

City will stick to its lineup of Holzman, Phillips, Gerson, Winograd and Herzberg, with Menillo, Fishman and Goldstein slated to see most substitute action. Nat is very happy about the way Winograd has blossomed into polished player, for Al is the inspirational type. He has developed slowly for three years, like so many other young CCNY boys, and has developed just when he's about to graduate.

Sophomore Claude Phillips, the records disclose, just missed breaking Bernie Flegla's all-time City College high in scoring by two points when he finished with 8 against NYU. He tallied 208 against the school, 50 E. 13th St. Adm. 25c.

DANCES. DRAMA. MUSIC. DANCERS. American Dance Group and Hilda Hoppe, tonight's shadowgraph play by "Youth Workshop" William Moody to speak on American Peoples Meeting. Recordings. New Dan Group. 17 W. 24 St. 8:30 P.M.

**LIU IN ACTION**  
LIU is working again after a complete six-day layoff following the last game of the season with Toledo. Lee is working on the remedy for Westminster's sliding zone defense and set play attack, which gave the Pennsylvania visitors the record of 20 and 1. This team isn't new to Bee of the LIU team. Last year as sophomores they lost to LIU by only four points on the tiny Pharmacy court, where the Blackbirds are traditionally unbeatable. The now graduated Bill King scored 17 vital points that night. LIU is working out on Brooklyn College's floor. Today they scrimmage some high school stars.

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## On The Score Board

### A Couple of Other Court Tournaments

By Lester Rodney

There's a lot of interest in the college basketball tourney that opens next Tuesday night in the Garden, and this red hot court fan wouldn't be wanting to either minimize the thrill, sportsmanship and high caliber of the play or miss a single one of the games.

I'm starting this column about some other basketball tourneys with the college tourney only because it makes a good point of departure. Let that be clear. I'm simply nuts about college basketball, have found the kids who play it and coaches who teach it are almost all swell people who you'd like to know, and will be throwing in an under-the-breath cheer or two for my favorite teams, CCNY and LIU (note to Rapp-Coudert Committee—yes in the order named!).

Now having said all that, I'd like to call your attention to a couple of other basketball tournaments that won't draw quite the crowds and certainly not a fraction of the publicity. Yet they will be full of the same thrills and sportsmanship, will be very close at least to the same high caliber of play, and quite possibly are more important in a way. They are working class basketball tournaments. They represent the growth of something new and important, something that came along with industrial unionism. And their teams are GOOD ENOUGH to lick what is left of the old "benevolent" company teams.

The bigger and from point of view of caliber of play, better of the two takes place today in Chicago under the auspices of the International Workers Order, which has done magnificent work in giving the formerly frustrated working class athlete a chance to keep playing ball. Teams representing Los Angeles, Detroit, Chicago and New York have won through to the finals and will meet in the St. Phillips gymnasium in morning and night games. This tourney is run off in one day. The boys have to be back to work Monday morning.

## AAU Champs of West Coast

Here's the kind of teams play out there. The Los Angeles Vandergaards, defending champs, are AAU champions of the Coast, and this year, playing all the good teams out there, lost only one game, to Hank Lusetti's Olympic Club team by four points. The team is composed of working class boys who played ball in high school. Some got college scholarships and some went right to work after that. There are two Negro stars, several Jewish boys and several from what is sometimes called "Anglo Saxon" stock, though they themselves would be the first to ask what the hell that meant. Competent basketball observers who saw this team in Chicago last year said it could have licked any college team around, including De Paul, Northwestern and Loyola.

The team representing the Chicago area is the famous "Sleepyheads" team of Hammond, Indiana. Composed entirely of steel workers from the Hammond and Gary mills, this team won the AAU championship in its district last year and made a good showing in the Denver national tournament. All were stars in Indiana high schools, and John Thomas, high scoring Negro forward, was one of the greatest All-State scholastic stars in the state's history.

The team that won the right to represent Detroit is the "Club 13," made up of Russian and Ukrainian workers. Not much is known of this team's caliber yet, but it beat the strong Rankin, Pennsylvania team in the regional finals. The New York team has represented the IWO in the Trade Union Athletic League here, and lost only two close games. It's a young team that doesn't figure to quite shape up to the Hammond and Los Angeles outfits.

This is the fifth National Tourney run off by the IWO and at least 300 teams have been involved in the five tourneys. It's a fine record of labor sports that the IWO has turned in, with countless local baseball, handball, bowling, boxing and table tennis competition besides basketball.

These tourney games have been marked mostly by the spirit of real fraternalism in action. Playing to win the games of course, but with no hard feelings, beefings or bad acting. That's because the players feel that they are all really brothers in a more profound sense than the college teams can possibly feel.

## TUAA Tourney

The second basketball tourney that we'd like to call your attention to today is that run by the Trade Union Athletic Association in New York City. We've told you a lot about that splendid organization in the past while being the only New York paper to cover its activities. There's something about tonight's TUAA tourney game in the adjoining column. But while you're still in this one we'd like to tell you to treat yourself to a swell ball game when the Furriers and Office Workers meet at the Seward Park High gym at 8 P. M.

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